WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
AKAMARU?!
AH... UM... YOU SEE...
Playing Cards
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO EDIT AND TRANSLATE ...
WE WERE TAKING A LITTLE BREAK...
...so we can work more later.
WHEN EXACTLY IS YOUR LATER...?
GEEZ.. I WISH WE HAD MORE PEOPLE WILLING TO HELP ..
And there's so much cool stuff to release!

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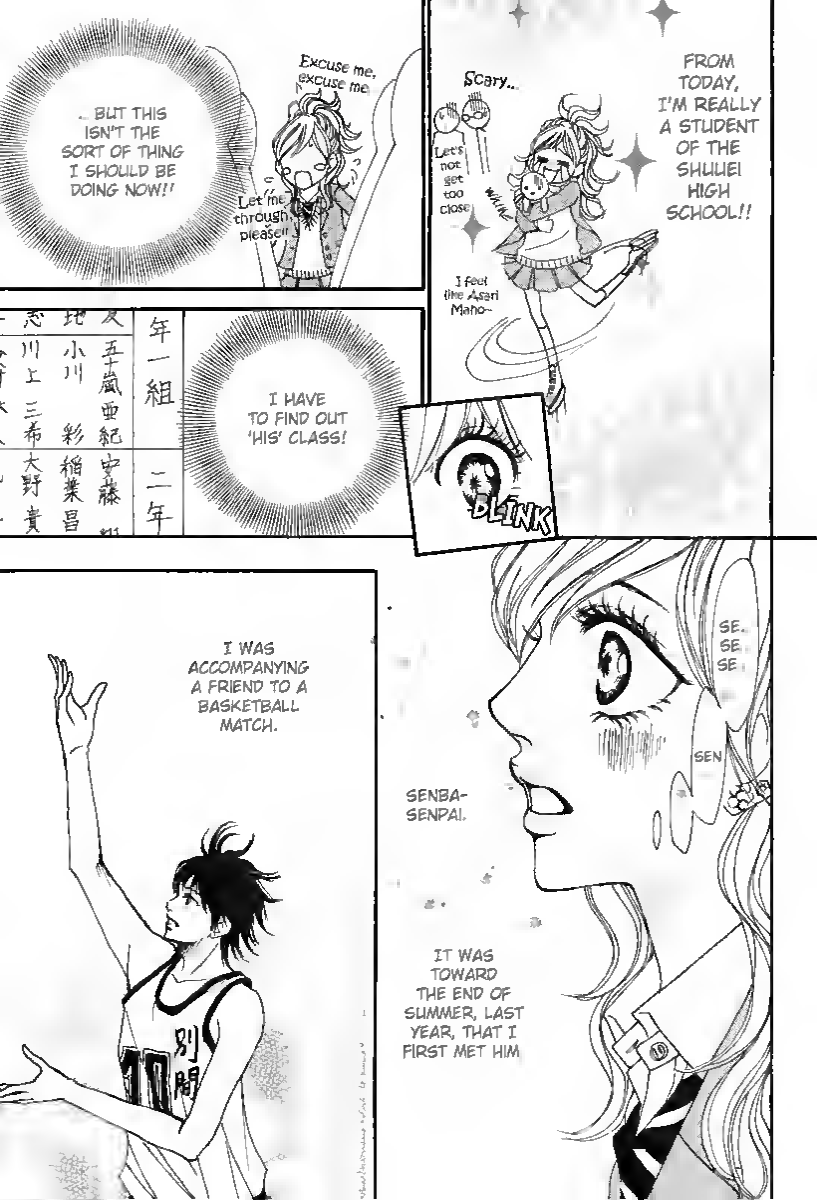
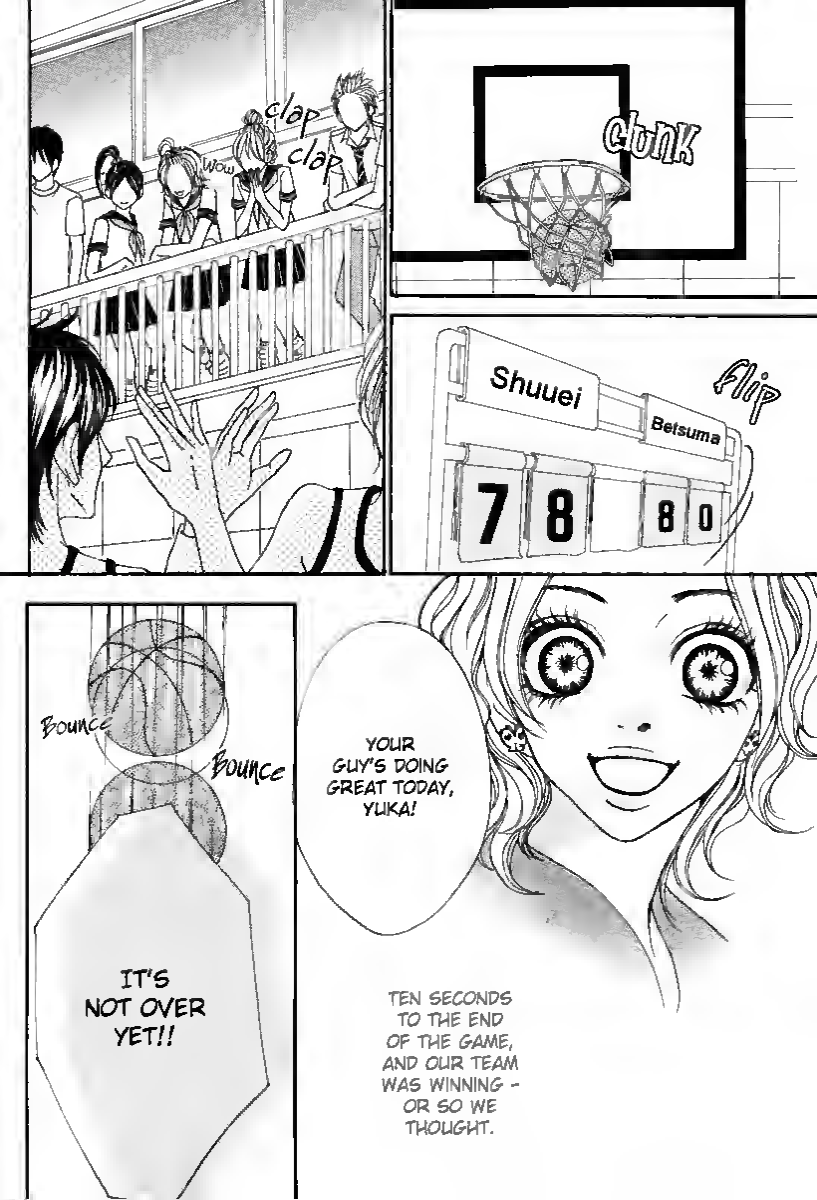
Lively!
A NEW SERIES STARTING THIS SPRING!
45 pages
I won't lose because I like you!
I won't give up!
The conquest of high school!
through pure-hearted devotion...?!
The story of my first love
SukiNante Ienai
アキラ
BY AKIRA

*This represents the minimum entrance exam score required to enter the school. Considering the average is about 50, this is HIGH

Morning!
We're having the entrance ceremony today, too.
...AN UNEXPECTED CHARACTER EMERGES!
SHUUEI INSTITUTE (PRIVATE) CUT-OFF POINT: 71*
A PRE-EMINENT, ELITE HIGH SCHOOL, BOASTING A CONSISTENT STREAM OF SUCCESSFUL UNIVERSITY APPLICANTS.
FLIP
THERE ...
beep beep
HI~~ RIRI SPEAKING~~!

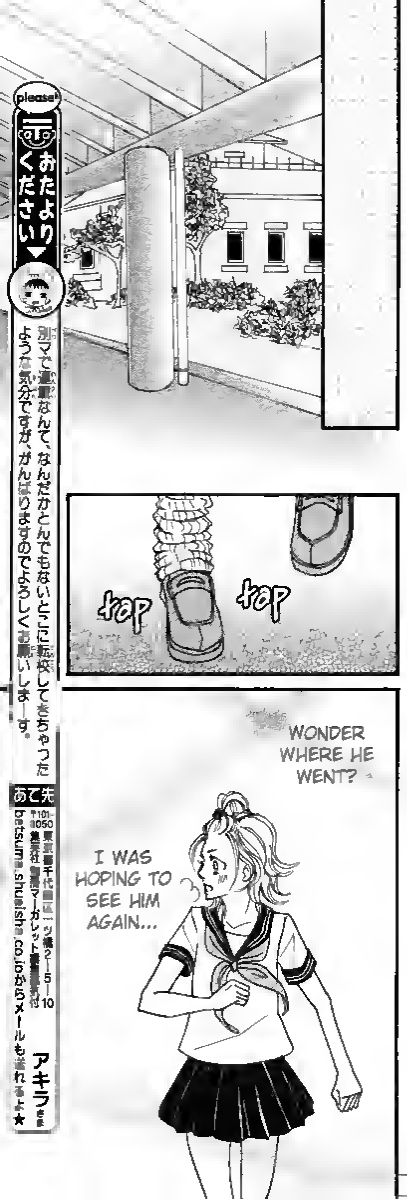
PLEASE HEAD TOWARDS THE APPROPRIATE CLASSROOM ONCE YOU CONFIRM YOUR CLASS.
DIRECTIONS TO THE CLASSROOMS HAVE BEEN PUT UP NEAR THE ENTRANCE.
TA, TA, TA...
TACHI... TACHIBANA...
AH!
FOUND IT!
IT'S REALLY THERE...!
Tachibana Riri
HAVING ONLY JUST MADE THE AGGREGATE, I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE I'D GOTTEN IN - EVEN AS I SAW THE NUMBER ON MY SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION, BOUGHT THE UNIFORM, AND FOLLOWED THROUGH ENTRANCE PROCEDURES.


.. BUT THIS ISN'T THE SORT OF THING I SHOULD BE DOING NOW!!
Excuse me, excuse me
Let me through please!
FROM TODAY, I'M REALLY A STUDENT OF THE SHUUEI HIGH SCHOOL!!
Scary..
Let's not get too close
I feel like Asari Maho~
I HAVE TO FIND OUT 'HIS' CLASS!
年一組
二年
BLINK
I WAS ACCOMPANYING A FRIEND TO A BASKETBALL MATCH.
別間
SE.
SE
SE
SEN
SENBA-SENPAI.
IT WAS TOWARD THE END OF SUMMER, LAST YEAR, THAT I FIRST MET HIM

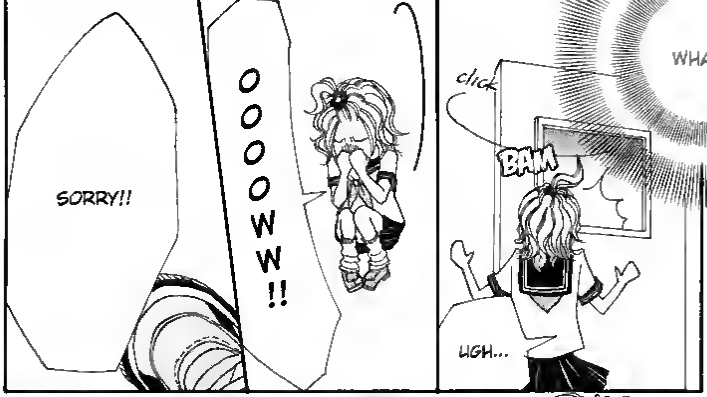

clap
clap
Wow
clonk
Shuuei
Betsuma
flip
7 8
8 0
Bounce
Bounce
IT'S NOT OVER YET!!
YOUR GUY'S DOING GREAT TODAY, YUKA!
TEN SECONDS TO THE END OF THE GAME, AND OUR TEAM WAS WINNING - OR SO WE THOUGHT.

THERE WAS STILL SOMEONE WHO HADN'T GIVEN UP YET.
THERE'S ONLY 9 SECONDS LEFT, THOUGH...
pant
DASA
COCKY FIRST YEAR.
LET'S GET FIRED UP!
Bou
ncc
SENBA!
SHIT!!
B
A
P

clunk
wh
osh
THREE-POINT SHOT! LAST MINUTE TURN-AROUND BY SHUUEI INSTITUTE!
YOU'RE KIDDING ME... WE LOST?
Shuuei
Betsuma
81
80
SHUEI
11



please!
おたよりください
別マで連載なんて、なんだかとんでもないところに転校してきちゃったような気分ですが、がんばりますのでよろしくお願いしまーす。
あて先
〒101-8050 東京都千代田区一ツ橋2-5-10 集英社 別冊マーガレット編集部気付
bessatsu_shueisha_co.jpあてのメールも送れるよ★
アキラ先生


WHA...!!
click
BAM
UGH...
OOOOWW!!
SORRY!!

THE GUY FROM BEFORE!!
AWP

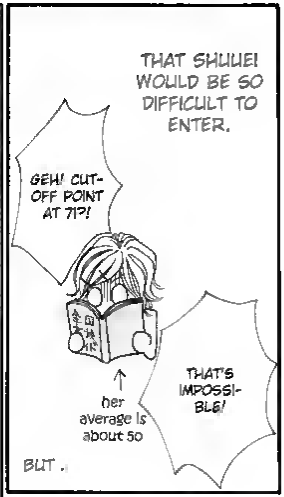
UWAA, A NOSE-BLEED!!
UM... I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED BY YOUR MOVE JUST NOW!!

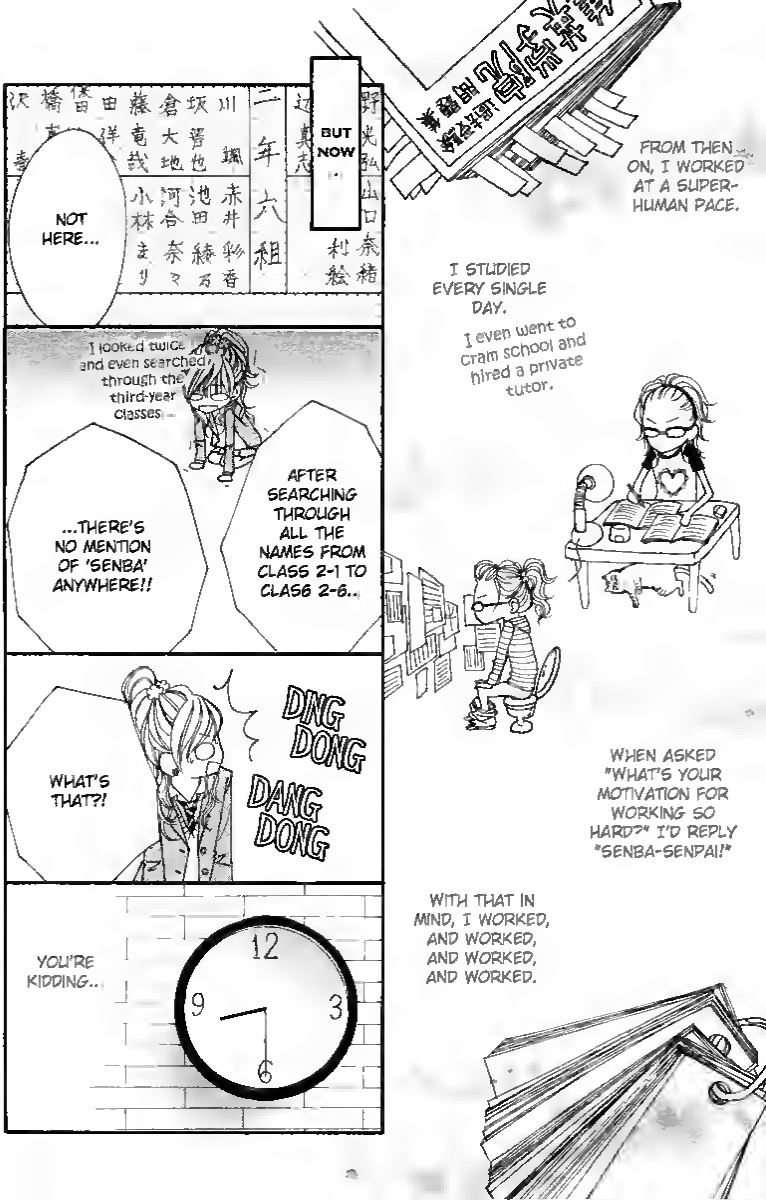
ARE YOU OK?

IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN SEE YOU AGAIN?
WELL MORE IMPOR-TANTLY ...
Earnest
...YOU'RE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL NOW, AREN'T YOU?
YUP, I'M A THIRD YEAR!!
IN THAT CASE, WHY DON'T YOU CONSIDER COMING TO SHUUEI? I'LL BE A SECOND YEAR THEN.
Here, press down on it

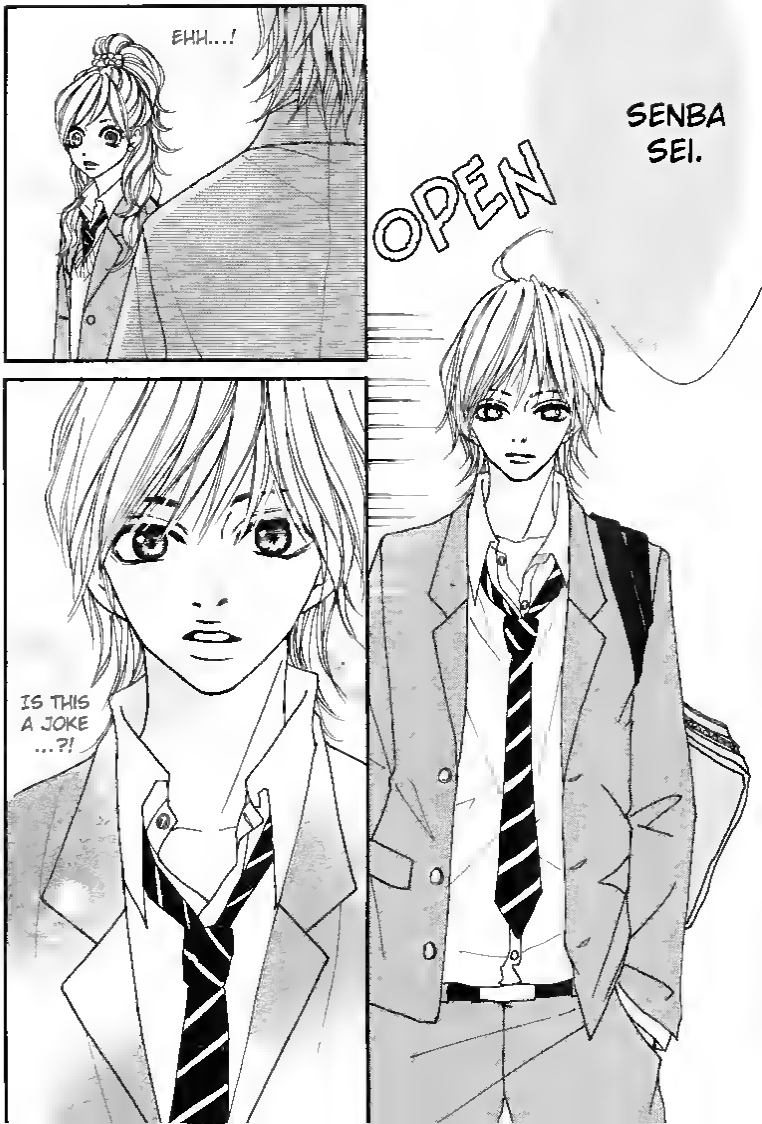
SHUU...
EI.
Oi, the meeting's about to start!
RI-GHT.
AH, PLEASE GO AHEAD. I'LL BE FINE.
BUT...
salute
SENPAI, LET'S MEET NEXT YEAR - IN SHUUEI!
Grin
RIGHT. SEE YOU!

I DIDN'T KNOW THEN...




BUT NOW...
NOT HERE...
I looked twice and even searched through the third-year classes...
...THERE'S NO MENTION OF 'SENBA' ANYWHERE!!
AFTER SEARCHING THROUGH ALL THE NAMES FROM CLASS 2-1 TO CLASS 2-6...
WHAT'S THAT?!
DING DONG
DANG DONG
YOU'RE KIDDING...
FROM THEN ON, I WORKED AT A SUPER-HUMAN PACE.
I STUDIED EVERY SINGLE DAY.
I even went to cram school and hired a private tutor.
WHEN ASKED "WHAT'S YOUR MOTIVATION FOR WORKING SO HARD?" I'D REPLY "SENBA-SENPAI!"
WITH THAT IN MIND, I WORKED, AND WORKED, AND WORKED, AND WORKED.

I'M GOING TO BE LATE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!
S-SORRY I'M LATE!
VERY LATE, TACHIBANA RIRI.
Yh wap
EH? WHY DO YOU...
YOU WERE THE ONLY GIRL WHO HADN'T COME YET.
OPEN
UWAAAH... THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING..!
Blush
whisper
whisper
佐久間
白居
須賀
Senba
Tap
伊育
神田陽,
佐久間
白居
須賀
奈良
THERE'S ONE MORE PERSON WHO ISN'T HERE YET..


EHH...!
SENBA SEI.
OPEN
IS THIS A JOKE ...?!

IT'S 'SENBA-SENPAI'...
. . AND HE'S SITTING NEXT TO ME!!
HE LET HIS HAIR GET A LITTLE LONGER, TOO
HE STILL LOOKS REALLY COOL !
BUT . WHY IS SENPAI IN THIS CLASS?
AH, YES. SINCE YOU ARE BOUND TO FIND OUT EVENTUALLY, THERE IS SOMETHING I THINK I SHOULD TELL YOU.
SENBA IS RETAKING HIS FIRST YEAR BECAUSE HE WAS HOSPI-TALIZED LAST YEAR FOR AN INJURY.
NEVERTHELESS, I HOPE YOU WILL ALL GET ALONG.
HOSPI-TALIZED ...?
IT'S BEEN HARD ON YOU, SENPAI...

I REALLY, REALLY WANTED TO MEET YOU.
AAAH .. WHAT KIND OF A PERSON AM I?!
OF COURSE IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT ON HIM. HE NOT ONLY HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED, HE EVEN NEEDS TO BE HELD BACK A YEAR!!
BUT. . I'M SORRY, SENBA-SENPAI...
I'M REALLY HAPPY KNOWING YOU'VE BEEN HELD BACK.

Congratulatory Entry-to-Shuuei Test
FLOURISH
TODAY, WE'LL BE TAKING THE FIRST-DAY-OF-SCHOOL SURPRISE TEST—!
DING DONG DANG DONG
RIGHT THEN ...
fidget
fidget
OK!! I'LL TRY AND START TALKING TO HIM AFTER HOMEROOM!
DING DONG DING DONG
AS I THOUGHT, IT WAS A MIRACLE I EVEN GOT INTO SHUUEI.
drained
I couldn't do it at all...
tremble
tremble
A DIFFICULT ONE, AT THAT..
I. I have no idea
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!! A TEST ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?!
Ehhh—?! For real?!
We didn't know about it!
SE...
SENBA-SENPAI!!
PA
OH! BUT THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE LETHARGIC!!

IT'S REALLY HIM.
WAAH...
U-UM, LONG TIME NO SEE...
ba-dump
ba-dump
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? WE MET, LAST SUMMER, AT A BASKETBALL MATCH!!
WHO'RE YOU?
FA
LL
HUH?

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Return

I WAS NEVER SERIOUS ABOUT IT, TO BEGIN WITH.
THAT'S WHY I QUIT.
NEVER SERIOUS ABOUT IT?!
BUT, SENPAI, YOU WERE PLAYING BASKETBALL WITH ALL YOUR HEART!
I'VE ONLY SEEN YOU PLAY ONCE, BUT...
I DON'T THINK YOU REALLY MEANT—
...I COULD TELL YOU REALLY LOVED BASKETBALL!
SHUT UP!!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
STOP TALKING AS IF YOU KNOW ME, BECAUSE I DON'T REMEMBER YOU.
AND DON'T EVER COME NEAR ME AGAIN.
WHO
WHO WAS THAT JUST NOW...?
FA

SENPAI...
IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE WERE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE
"DON'T EVER COME NEAR ME AGAIN."
WAS THAT BECAUSE I SAID TOO MUCH?
OR MAYBE IT WAS ALL JUST A MISUNDER-STANDING...
WAS THAT REALLY SENBA-SENPAI YESTERDAY ?
DIDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP

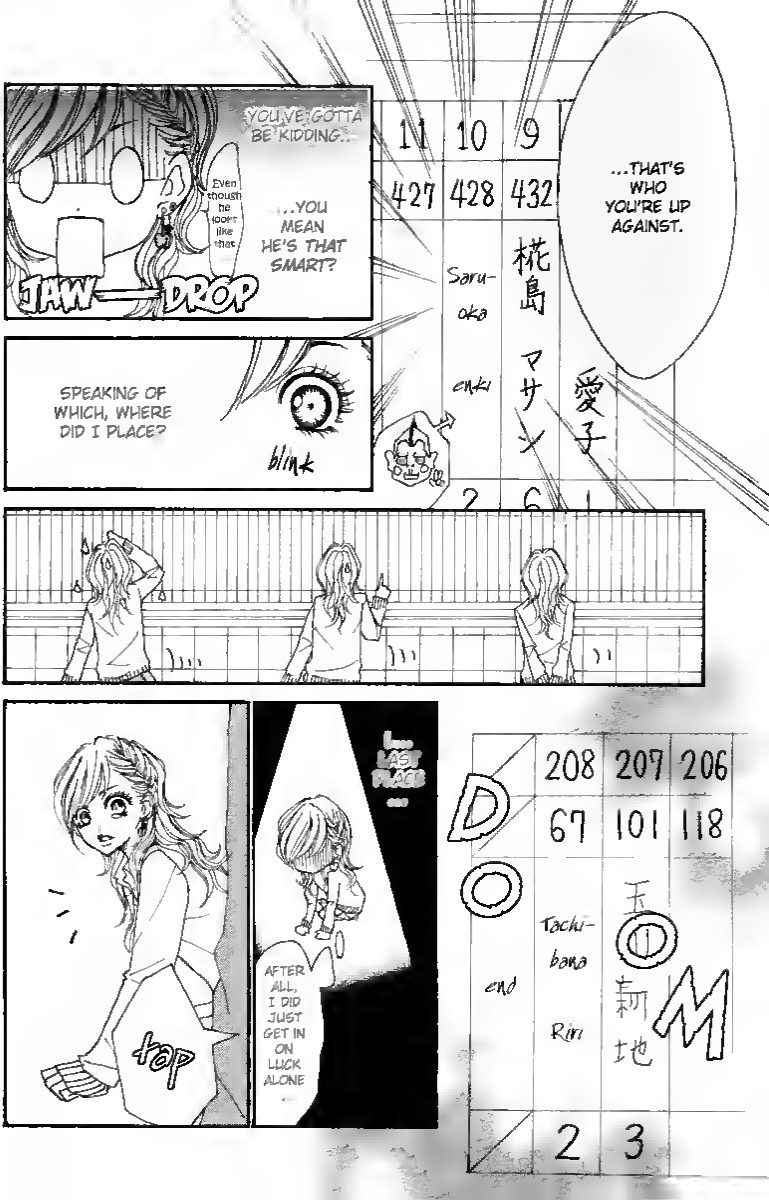
GEH
EVEN THE LOWEST PLACED STUDENT WASN'T A SUPER S..
SO IT'S TRUE—
WHAT'S WITH THIS CROWD?
SHOCK
THE RESULTS FOR YESTERDAY'S TEST ARE OUT?! ALREADY?!
That's fast!
OPEN
SE... SENBA-SENPAI!!
1-2

HAVE... HAVE YOU SEEN IT? THE RESULTS FOR YESTERDAY'S SURPRISE TEST!!
YOU'RE IN FIRST PLACE! FIRST PLACE!!!
.....
...OH.
"OH' ...
THAT'S NOT SURPRISING, THOUGH
SNAP
HEY!! DON'T BE RUDE!
AND HE PROBABLY ALREADY KNEW ABOUT THE SURPRISE TEST ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY GOING TO GET FIRST PLACE NOT SURPRISING AT ALL.
HE'S STUDIED ONE MORE YEAR THAN WE HAVE. THAT'S AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

I SAID, APOLO-GIZE!!
SIGH
HOLDING HIM BACK A YEAR IS REALLY CREATING A LOT OF PROBLEMS, YEAH?
TWITCH
BUT THAT'S THE TRUTH, INNIT? AS LONG AS HE'S HERE WE'LL NEVER SURPASS HIM.
EH? WHAT?
GIZE
TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Pissed
WHY'RE YOU BEING SO PETTY ANYWAY? WHAT KIND OF A GUY ARE YOU?!
BESIDES, WITH YOUR BRAINS, YOU WOULDN'T GET FIRST PLACE EVEN IF SEMPAI WASN'T HERE!!
CHOKE CHOKE
W-WAIT, WHY'RE YOU PISSED?
SHUT UP AND APOLOGIZE ALREADY!!

HEY, HEY, HEY.
WHICH PART OF ME LOOKS LIKE A MONKEY?!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LOOKS LIKE A MONKEY!
WHAT THE HELL?! YOU LITTLE WITCH!!
WHY DON'T YOU DO AS SHUUEI INSTITUTE STUDENTS SHOULD DO, AND BATTLE WITH YOUR BRAINS, INSTEAD?
WE WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING THROUGH VIOLENCE, YOU KNOW. IT'S ONLY GOING TO HURT AFTER-WARDS.
SO YOU SHOULD BATTLE IT OUT IN THE NEXT GETSU-REI TEST. THE LOSER HAS TO APOLOGIZE...
BESIDES, SHUUEI ORGANIZES THE SOMETHING CALLED THE GETSUREI TEST EVERY MONTH.
...OR, DO SOMETHING, ANYTHING, THE WINNER SAYS.
SUBJECTS TESTED WOULD BE THE FIVE CORE SUBJECTS: JAPANESE, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND ENGLISH.

LIKE I'D LOSE TO SOMEONE LIKE HER
HEH, SOUNDS INTEREST-ING.
...HOW'S THAT SOUND?
MONKEY SARUOKA
VERSUS
CUTIE ♡ RIRI
Glare
GETSUREI TEST — SHUUEI INSTITUTE
HEY, YOU... GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE, BUT I HOPE YOUR BITE IS AS FIERCE AS YOUR BARK.
...YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
HUH?
HATE
So annoy-ing!
Bring it on!
Stomp Stomp
tap
tap
I'LL MAKE YOU RE-GRET THIS.

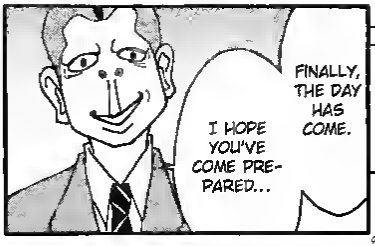

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING...
Even though he looks like that
...YOU MEAN HE'S THAT SMART?
JAW — DROP
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHERE DID I PLACE?
blink
11 10 9
427 428 432
Saru-oka enki
桃島 マサン
愛子
...THAT'S WHO YOU'RE UP AGAINST.
2 6 1
tap
...LAST PLACE AGAIN...
AFTER ALL, I DID JUST GET IN ON LUCK ALONE...
208 207 206
67 101 118
Tachi-bana Rin end
玉川 莉地
2 3

STARE
A-ANYWAY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE BATTLE!!
I can do it if I try!!
TH-THIS... THIS ISN'T... I MEAN...
I wasn't feeling well... and stuff...
SE.. SENBA-SENPAI!!
I'LL MAKE HIM APOLO-GIZE TO YOU FOR BEING RUDE!
...DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT I SAID TO YOU YESTERDAY?
...I SAID "DON'T EVER COME NEAR ME AGAIN".
I DON'T REALLY CARE, ACTUALLY.
AH... BUT I JUST COULDN'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH TALKING ABOUT SENPAI LIKE THAT...
His completely forgotten

I CARE, EVEN IF YOU DON'T.
TO TALK ABOUT SENPAI LIKE THAT...
EVEN IF SENPAI IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I EXPECTED HIM TO BE...
...I DEFINITELY WON'T LOSE.

DO AS YOU LIKE.
I'LL DO JUST THAT!!
I'LL WORK HARD,
WIN,
AND MAKE HIM APOLOGIZE TO YOU.

OI, HAVE YOU DECIDED THAT YET?
YOU MEAN THAT THING, FOR WHEN YOU WIN?
I'M SO TEMPTED TO...
heh heh heh
THAT'S A SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING EXPRESSION YOU'RE MAKING
SHE'LL HAVE TO DO ANYTHING I SAY, REMEMBER?
GATATATA
I GUESS SO... RIGHT?



Get-surei Test Schedule

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English I	History	Biology	Math I	Social Studies
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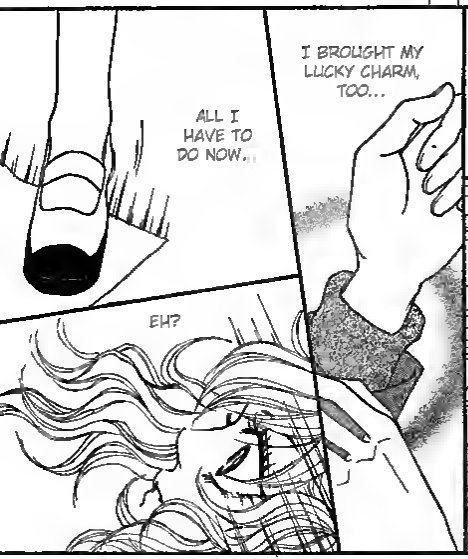

UWAAAAAH!! THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING!!
OWWW— I FELL!
person who covers up embarrassment with noise
croak
Frog petrified
SLIP
twitch
...!!
CRAP... IT HURTS! AND I CAN'T MOVE IT...
HURRIES OVER
LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT IT!

IT'S FINE. YOU PROBABLY JUST HIT IT REALLY HARD. IT SHOULD BE BETTER SOON.
FOR NOW, YOU SHOULD PROBABLY REST IT AND NOT WRITE.
SHE PROBABLY JUST FELL ON PURPOSE
KNOWING THAT SHE WAS GOING TO LOSE AND HOPING TO GET SOME SYMPATHY.
THAT'S ...
TACHIBANA ISN'T LIKE THAT.
SENPAI...

TELL YOU WHAT. I'LL BE HER REPLACEMENT, SO YOU CAN COMPETE AGAINST ME.
SURPRISE
...SARUOKA, WAS IT?
EH?
OF COURSE, I'LL BE GIVING MYSELF A HANDICAP.
You've gotta be kidding me!
IF I COMPETE AGAINST YOU, I'LL BE AT A DISADVANTAGE!!
HAH?! WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
BUT THAT'S—
IT'S UNFAIR IF ONLY SENPAI HAS TO GET FULL MARKS TO WIN!!
...AND, AS A PENALTY, I'LL BE YOUR MANSERVANT FOR A MONTH.
I LOSE IF I DON'T GET FULL MARKS FOR ALL THE PAPERS...

BRIMMING WITH CONFIDENCE, I SEE. ONE MORE THING THEN...
START 20 MINUTES AFTER THE PAPER BEGINS.
UNDER THIS CONDITION, I'LL CONSIDER YOUR REQUEST.
STARTING 30 MINUTES AFTER IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME.
SMIRK
20 MINUTES?
HOW'S YOUR HAND?
I'M SORRY, YOU—
SE.. SENPAI
...
Open
ALL OF YOU, RETURN TO YOUR SEATS—
THE TEST IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!!

MY...
AH, I FORGOT!!
owww
swell
SENPAI...
STUPID. WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF FIRST.
THEN, SENPAI DID AS SARUOKA SAID.
HE STARTED EACH PAPER 30 MINUTES LATE.

HE LOOKED REAAAALLY COOL!!
THE DAY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS.
chatter
chatter
BUZZ
THE RANKING FOR THE GETSUREI TEST ARE UP!!
Grin
Grin
WELL THEN— THIS IS GOING TO BE INTERESTING.
Urgh...
So annoying!!

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1
順位
461
500
/500
新倉 雅彦
Sen-ba Sei
氏名
4
2
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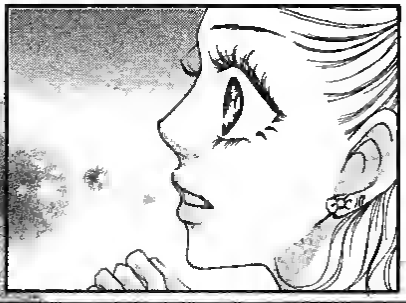

YOU
DROOP
YOU'RE KID-DING ME...
Who is it?
Is he for real?!
Amazing!!
WOAHHH
THAT'S AMAZING!! THE PERSON IN FIRST PLACE SCORED FULL MARKS?!!
UNBE-LIEVEABLE!!

OF COURSE.
YOU'RE AMAZING, SENPAI!!
INCREDIBLE
HE REALLY DID IT...
HE SMILED...!!
THE SAME SMILE HE WAS SMILING BACK THEN...
SEE YOU!

FINALLY...
I FINALLY GET TO MEET YOU!!
hesitate..
...I'M.. SORRY.
I.. I LOST... THIS TIME...
...SENBA.. KUN ..
...TA-CHIBA-NA...
YOU WON'T HAVE TO, ANYMORE!
I'll do anything you say – even streaking or cross dressing!
I'M A MAN AND I'M PREPARED TO TAKE IT LIKE A MAN!!
WHAT'S MY PENALTY GOING TO BE? JUST TELL ME NOW!!

NOW THAT YOU'VE DONE THAT, THERE'S NO LONGER ANY NEED FOR A PENALTY.
FROM THE BEGINNING, ALL I WANTED WAS FOR YOU TO APOLOGIZE.
EH?!
Anyway, how did you do on the test?
Se... seventh place
That's great, isn't it?
DING DONG...
DANG DONG...
AH, SCHOOL'S OVER!! SORRY FOR TAKING UP SO MUCH OF YOUR TIME, SENPAI...

ba-dump
lock eyes
...YES..?
.....TACHIBANA.
WILL YOU ...
WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
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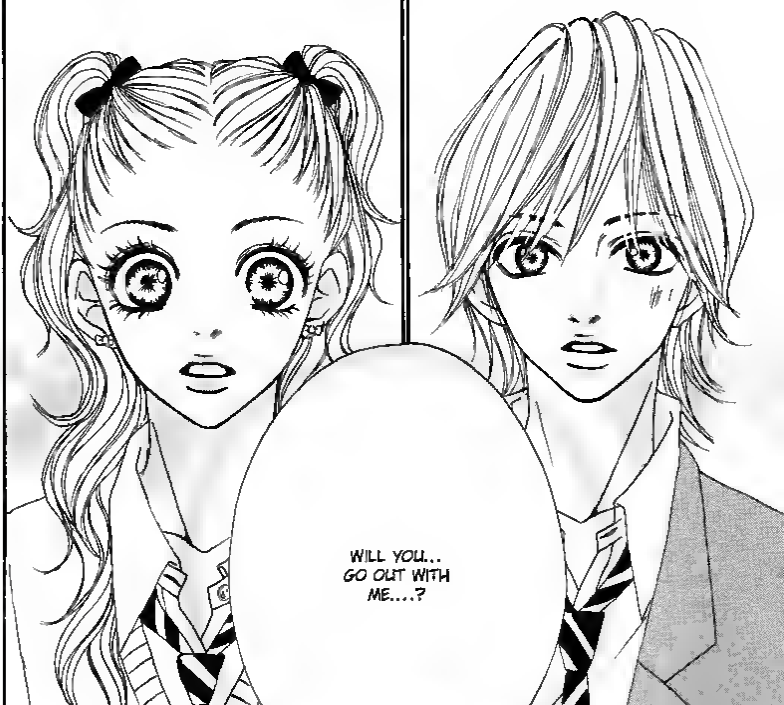


これまでのお話と登場人物

橘 凛々

仙波 聖

男女の憧れの人。勝敗入院で一年留年したため凛々と同級生に。初めて会った時とは別人のような男振りに。

中3の時、当時憧れだった仙波に一目惚れし、仙波と同じ高校に行くため猛勉強で英英学院に奇跡の合格を果たす。

☆橘 凛々は中3の時、友達の付き添いで見に行った高校バスケの試合で、英英学院の一年・仙波という男の子に一目惚れする。それから凛々はその人に会いたい一心で猛勉強し、全国でも有数の進学高・英英学院に奇跡の合格を果たす。

☆入学後、仙波と凛々はクラスメイトという意外な形で再会。二年生になっていると思った仙波は、ケガで長期入院し、留年していたのだった。凛々は仙波に声をかけるが、彼の反応はあの時とは別人のようで冷たい…。

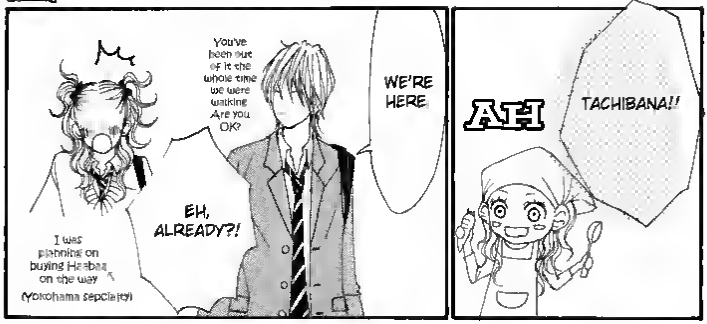
☆仙波にひどいことを言ったクラスメイトと、月例テストで勝負することになった凛々。しかしテスト直前に手をケガしてしまった凛々は大ピンチ。そんな時、仙波が凛々の代わりにハンデ付きの勝負を買って出てくれる。その時の仙波には、あの時の美少年が戻っていたようで…。

☆見事、勝負に勝った仙波。その直後仙波は凛々に「俺とつきあってくれ」と突然の告白を!?

SENPAI...
WHY
SO SUDDENLY!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS ...?
IF... IF YOU'RE FINE WITH ME,
Of course it's OK
COULD IT BE HIS MOM AND DAD?!
BU-...BUT, THAT'S SO SUDDEN...!!
I'm not ready
I haven't prepared any welcoming gifts or anything
WHOW
EH?!
I'M GLAD... ACTUALLY, THERE'S SOMEBODY WHO WANTS TO SEE YOU.

IT'S OK..
IF IT'S YOU, I THINK YOU WILL DEFINITELY GET ALONG.
OH NO..
RATHER THAN A CONFESSION, IT'S MORE LIKE HE'S PROPOSING TO ME
SENPAI'S FAMILY
kyuuuh

BUT IT'S OK!!
I'LL, MAKE SURE TO GET ALONG WELL WITH HIS MOM AND DAD.
should I massage your shoulders
Sorry about the mother Rin-chan
Father
YOU'RE A 100% PERFECT WIFE
Wow Rin-chan you're a great cook
chop chop chop...
Because I chose you
Oh my senpai
THEN I'LL BECOME HIS CUTE BRIDE
HEY...


I was planning on buying Hasbro on the way (Yokohama specialty)
EH, ALREADY?!
You've been out of it the whole time we were walking. Are you OK?
WE'RE HERE
AH
TACHIBANA!!

DOD—ON!!
SEI-CHAN!!
COULD HE BE A FASHION CELEBRITY?!
WHAT'S THIS MAN-SION?!
Then, I'll be a celebrity's bride?
WA WA WA
HE... HERE ...?

YOU'RE EARLY TODAY!!
.....
WHO'S THIS?

THIS GIRL IS KUSANO FUTABA, A MIDDLE SCHOOL THIRD YEAR.
.....
AH, THIS IS A CLASS-MATE, TACHIBANA RIRI-SAN.
NI-NICE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME IS TACHIBANA RIRI.
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
..WHICH MEANS THAT MY IMAGINED WORLD IS UNRAVELING?!
When he asked me out, it was only as friends? ..
TRY TO GET ALONG.
GET ALONG ..
HM...COULD SHE BE THE PERSON HE WANTED ME TO MEET..?
HEY, FUTABA, GREET HER PROPERLY.
.....

Frien
dly~
AH, YOU CAN CALL ME RIRI!!
"FUTABA" IS A CUTE NAME. DO YOU MIND IF I CALL YOU FUTABA-CHAN?
SHE'S SCARED OF STRANGERS?
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME, FUTABA..
SLAP
DON'T TALK TO ME SO FAMILIARLY.

TA-TACHIBANA!! ARE YOU OK?!
YEAH ...I GUESS ...
EH...
FUTABA!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
NO WAY!! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!!
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR BRINGING SUCH A WOMAN HERE!!
APOLOGIZE TO HER!
TACHIBANA CAME HERE FOR YOUR SAKE.
ISN'T IT BORING FOR YOU TO ALWAYS JUST BE WITH ME?
YOU SHOULD BE LIKE OTHER GIRLS AND HAVE FEMALE FRIENDS...

.....
TACHI-
BANA
...
LET'S
GO.
EH..
BUT.
IT'S
FINE.
I DON'T
WANT
THAT!!
I HATE YOU!!
GO HOME!!
BUS
NOT
ATTENDING
SCHOOL?

YEAH... SHE'S NOT GOING TO SCHOOL NOW.
SO, THE ONLY PEOPLE AROUND HER RIGHT NOW ARE THE PEOPLE IN THE MANSION AND ME...
I THOUGHT SOMETHING MIGHT CHANGE IF SHE MADE SOME FRIENDS...
I MEAN, I CAN UNDERSTAND HER FEELINGS ..
SHE PROBABLY LIKES HIM..
IF SOME ONE I LIKED SUDDENLY BROUGHT A GIRL I DIDN'T KNOW, I WOULD PROBABLY ALSO BE VERY ANXIOUS .
SORRY.. EVEN THOUGH YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO COME ..
gave you an unpleasant experience
NO ..I'M PERFECTLY FINE.
Don't worry about it

BU
ARE YOU AND FUTABA-CHAN LOVERS?
... UMM
NO WAY
pa a a a
dup dup
OH, IS THAT SO?!
I'm wrong!!
YOU SEEM TO REALLY TREASURE HER SO I THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE WHY!!
FUTABA AND I LIVED CLOSE TO EACH OTHER IN THE SAME NEIGHBOR-HOOD SO WE OFTEN PLAYED TOGETHER.
SHE'S LIKE A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OR A LITTLE SISTER I GUESS.
REALLY, SINCE A LONG TIME AGO, SHE'S HAD A PRIN-CESS COMPLEX AND DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS SO SHE ALWAYS CHASED AFTER ME

..SHE WASN'T IN A WHEELCHAIR BEFORE?
EH CHASED AFTER HIM...
YOU SHOULD FORGET ABOUT HER.
EH..
THAT WAS PRETTY RUDE. SHE, TELLING YOU SO HARSHLY NOT TO COME NEAR ME,
AND ME ASKING YOU TO BE FRIENDS WITH A GIRL YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW.

...WHY ARE YOU DECIDING BY YOUR-SELF...?
SORRY FOR BEING A BOTHER.
I'M NOT GIVING UP YET.
I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FUTABA-CHAN YET.
Who's being bothered?!
ON THE CONTRARY, I WAS HAPPY
THAT SEMPAI WAS COUNTING ON ME.

YOU SHOULD KNOW, RIGHT?
AND, I'M QUITE PERSISTENT.
Top
TACHIBANA...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SHALL WE TRY GOING TO THE HOSPITAL ONCE?
... YES.

OJYOU-SAMA, HAS AMAMIYA-SENSEI GONE HOME?
HE JUST LEFT.
perk
YOUR FRIEND HAS ARRIVED AND IS WAITING IN THE ROOM.
I'M SO GLAD!! I SAID I HATED HIM YESTERDAY AND THOUGHT HE WOULDN'T COME AGAIN!!
BANG
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING SEI-CHAN!!
AH, FUTABA-CHAN!! C'mmAO~ SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU.

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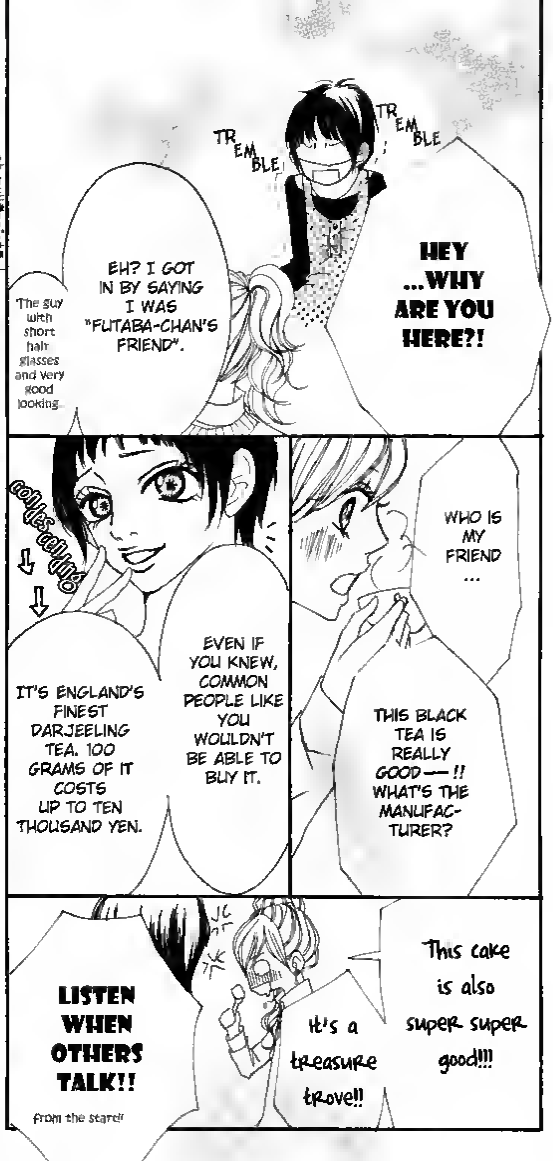


GEEZ-YOU SHOULDN'T GET MAD ABOUT ME CALLING MYSELF A "FRIEND".
IF WE'RE FRIENDS FROM NOW ON-
AH, I BROUGHT A LOT OF THINGS
I was thinking of hanging out with you
Really tasty
Ah, do you know this? These chips taste really bad
Sustume mentai and kames and
...I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO.

ALL THE GIRLS WHO WANTED TO GET CLOSE TO ME WERE LIKE THAT!!
YOU WANT TO MOVE HIM BY BEING FRIENDS WITH ME WHO HAS NO FRIENDS
YOU'RE PROBABLY AFTER SEI-CHAN TOO, RIGHT?!

pasaj glowing
pa a a a
Of course!!
Riri pe or Riri-nba are fine too!!
THEN.. RI-RIRI-CHAN..
maji
maji
I'LL REVEAL YOUR TRUE CHARACTER BEFORE SEI-CHAN!!
THEN YOU WON'T HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO GET CLOSE TO HIM!!
maji shy
Smile
THERE'S SOME PLACE I WANT TO GO TO .. WILL YOU GO WITH ME?
...HEY... CAN I CALL YOU "RIRI-CHAN"?
KUSA NO-SAMA
THANK YOU FOR COMING EVERY TIME, KUSANO-SAMA.
WELCOME KUSANO-SAMA

Sweat drop
Sweat drop
Sweat drop
O... ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY NI... NINE THOUSAND YEN?!
WHAT KIND OF CARD IS THAT?!
what color?! It's not plastic
THE TOTAL IS 189,000 YEN.
CHARGE IT
GYAH !!
Stagger
TO
SS
HANAI, DON'T DO UNNECESSARY THINGS!!
AH..I'LL CARRY IT!!

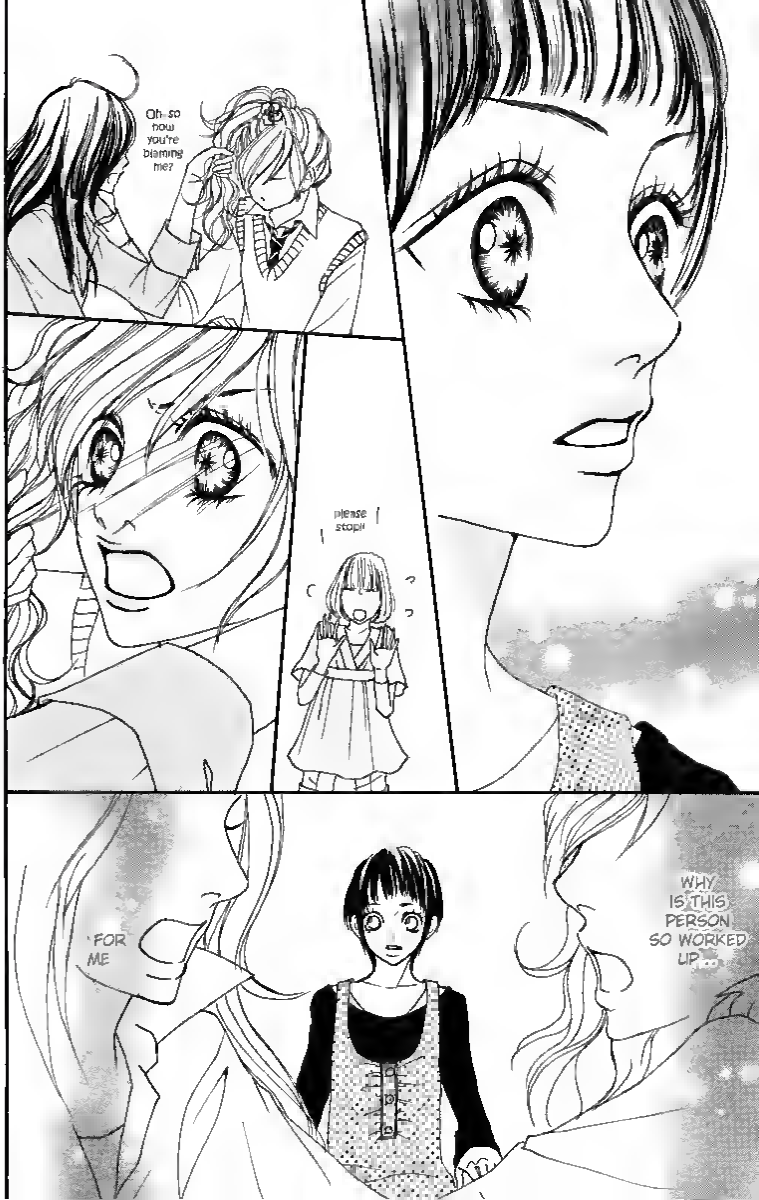
IT'S FINE TO ENTRUST HER WITH THE ITEMS.
I MEAN, A FRIEND CAN AT LEAST HELP CARRY MY THINGS, RIGHT?
HEY, GET MAD
"WHY ME?!"
"I'M NOT GOING ALONG WITH THIS" AND THROW THE BAGS
"LIKELY SHOW YOUR TRUE SELF."
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, HANAI-SAN.
BUT, I'LL BE FINE!!
You can see I'm really strong!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF FUTABA-CHAN!! IT'LL BE REALLY BAD IF SOMETHING HAPPENS.

KYAH, THIS IS CUTE
THIS IS JUST THE BEGIN-NING..
THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE STUPIDLY SMILING!!
HA... HANAI!! WE'RE GOING TO THE NEXT PLACE!!
HOW ABOUT IT?
SHOULD I BUY IT?
HANAI-SAN

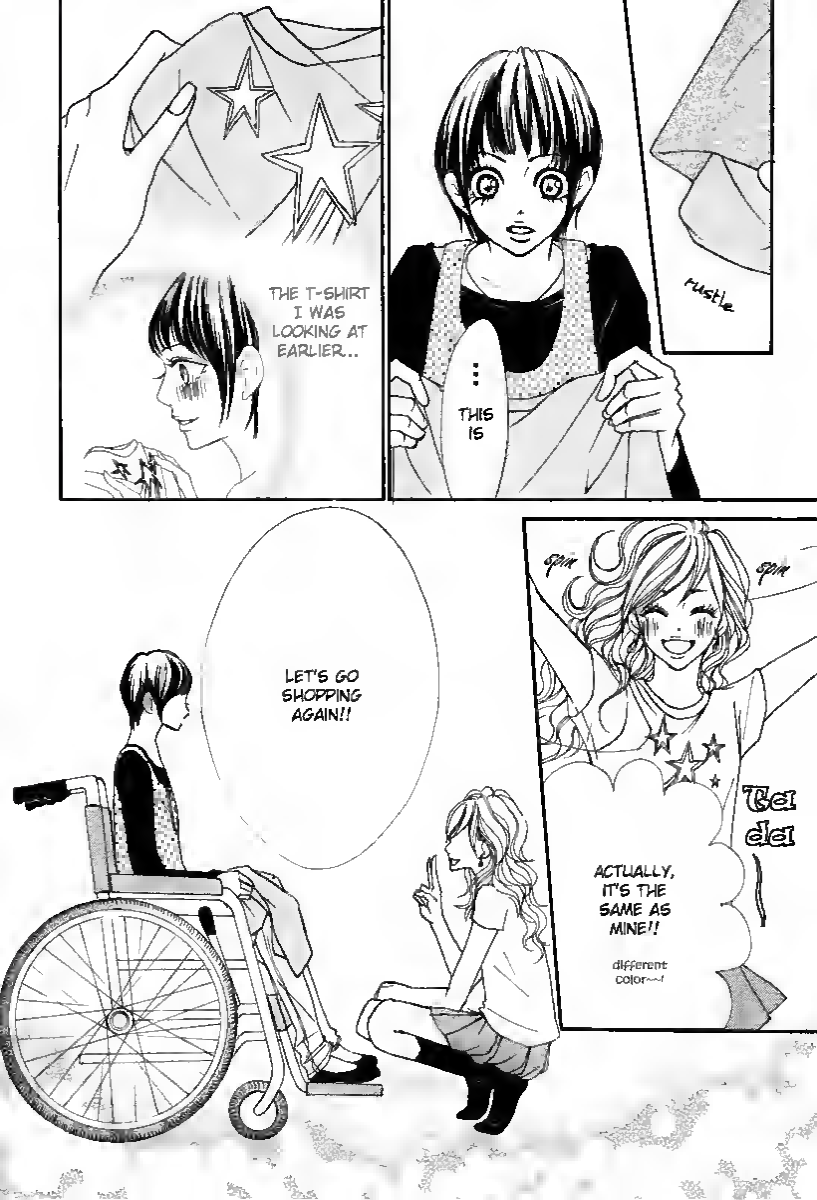
I'M GOING TO TAKE FUTABA TO THAT STORE FOR A BIT!!
EH!! HEY-...
SORRY, BUT PLEASE TAKE MY PLACE!!
pile
pile
Stagger
turn
I WOULDN'T WEAR SOMETHING SO CHEAP!!
AH, HOW ABOUT THIS? IT SUITS YOU.
HE— WHAT A CUTE STORE.
EH!! HEY...
AH, I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOK OVER THERE.
sshhhh!!
sshhhh!!
Your voice is too loud!!
GLARE

.....
ROOOOLL
AH... I'M SORRY...
OUCH
AH — MY NEW WHITE SHOES!!

...GEEZ WHAT IS THIS.
annoyed
...NORMALLY PEOPLE IN WHEEL-CHAIRS WOULDN'T ENTER SUCH A SMALL SHOP
THINK ABOUT THE TROUBLE YOU CAUSE OTHERS.
BUSH
.....
AT NEW SHOES.
If it's a small shop you should just walk at open spaces.
If you don't have even that much consider-ation for others, no matter how stylish you are, you won't be popular!!


Oh, so now you're blaming me?
please stop!
WHY IS THIS PERSON SO WORKED UP...
FOR ME

Sorry, I was not there
ume ume
moody :
WELL— A LOT HAP-PENED...
something exciting
AH...HEY, WAIT!!
SEI-CHAN... SORRY BUT I WANT TO LEAVE FIRST TO GET SOME REST.
ISN'T SHE REALLY FOOLISH...?
appear
...WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK...
UM...FOR CAUSING YOU SO MANY PROBLEMS ...AND SUCH
or something
ANYWAY, TAKE THIS!!

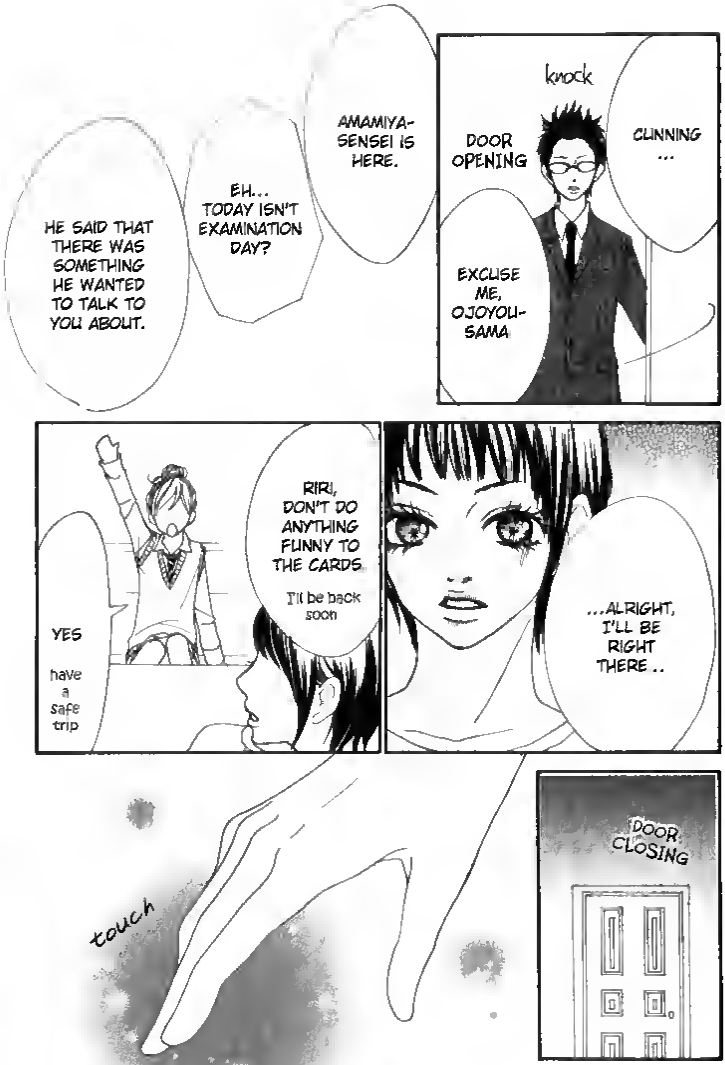

THE T-SHIRT I WAS LOOKING AT EARLIER...
THIS IS
rustle
spin
spin
ACTUALLY, IT'S THE SAME AS MINE!!
different color~~!
LET'S GO SHOPPING AGAIN!!

AREN'T YOU AN IDIOT? I'M NOT GOING WITH YOU A SECOND TIME!!
AND I'M NOT GOING TO WEAR SUCH A CHEAP T-SHIRT!!
BLUSH
...ARE
BUT ON THE CONTRARY, THAT ALSO MAKES HER EASY TO UNDERSTAND.
AA-AH, SHE LEFT...
Seriously I'm not hanging out with you
EH?! WHICH PART OF THAT?!
NO... SHE'S GRATEFUL
...IS IT THAT CHEAP ...
FUTABA IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND

SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
YOU'RE HERE AGAIN...?
SHE'S REALLY
AN IDIOT...
Hello Hanai san
Rori-san hello
TODAY, SENBA-SENPAI WILL BE STAYING LATE AT A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT GET BORED.
SO, WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE YOU?
KACHA
uwah amaz-ing!!

whisper
REALLY, SHE THINKS YOU MIGHT COME AND HAS IT PREPARED EVERYDAY.
MY HOUSE IS ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
Ah, this was the cake I liked last time!!
drool
FUTABA-CHAN...
tea-r
Hapal, you're being nosy
I HATE OWING PEOPLE...
BLUSH
TH-THAT'S NOT IT!! THIS WAS FOR THE T-SHIRT...!!
A kiss as my thanks
GRAB
Thanks!! I'm so happy!!
GYA
AAH
quit it
You really did gross it
AH
SINCE THEN,

It became a routine. whenever senpai was late with his class representative meetings on Wednesdays, I'd go visit Futaba-chan.
Futaba-chan is always selfish and impertinent, but I don't mind that at all.
I win!!
loss
Futaba, 10 consecutive wins!!
I lost again ...
Riri is too foolishly honest.
You have to be more cunning.


knock
DOOR OPENING
CLINNING ...
EXCUSE ME, OJOYOU-SAMA
AMAMIYA-SENSEI IS HERE.
EH... TODAY ISN'T EXAMINATION DAY?
HE SAID THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING HE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.
...ALRIGHT, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE ..
RIRI, DON'T DO ANYTHING FUNNY TO THE CARDS
I'll be back soon
YES
have a safe trip
DOOR CLOSING
touch

EH ...
THUMP
WANT TO PLAY A GAME WITH ME?
AH, BUT IF WE CHANGE THE CARDS WITHOUT TELLING HER, SHE'LL GET MAD.
IT'S FINE. SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T REMEMBER HER CARDS.
UWAH~~ I CAN'T CONCEN-TRATE~~!!
toss
toss
AH, YES...!!
ALRIGHT, YOUR TURN.

AH, UM, WHO'S AMEMIYA-SENSEI...
HE'S FUTABA'S ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.
HE'S A FAMOUS DOCTOR SPECIA-LIZED IN ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY.
EH.. SUCH A FAMOUS PERSON CAME HERE TO DO A HOUSE CALL.
As expected from a celebrity
BUT, WITH SUCH A SKILLED DOCTOR, MAYBE FUTABA WILL BE ABLE TO WALK AGAIN.
IN THAT CASE, SHE'LL BE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL AGAIN!!
Ah, when that happens I want to have a picnic with everyone!!
We can do things like bring bentous and play badminton!!
I wonder if Hanai san will come with us?!
EH...
THUMP

I'M GLAD YOU'RE SUCH A PERSISTENT PERSON.
"I'M QUITE PERSISTENT."
NO..I'M NOT THAT..
AH, YEAH I SHOULD DO SOMETHING IN RETURN.
NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO...
YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING. YOU REALLY WERE ABLE TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH FUTABA.

TOMORROW, WANT TO GO EAT SOMETHING YOU LIKE?
DING DONG
DING DONG
.....YEAH.

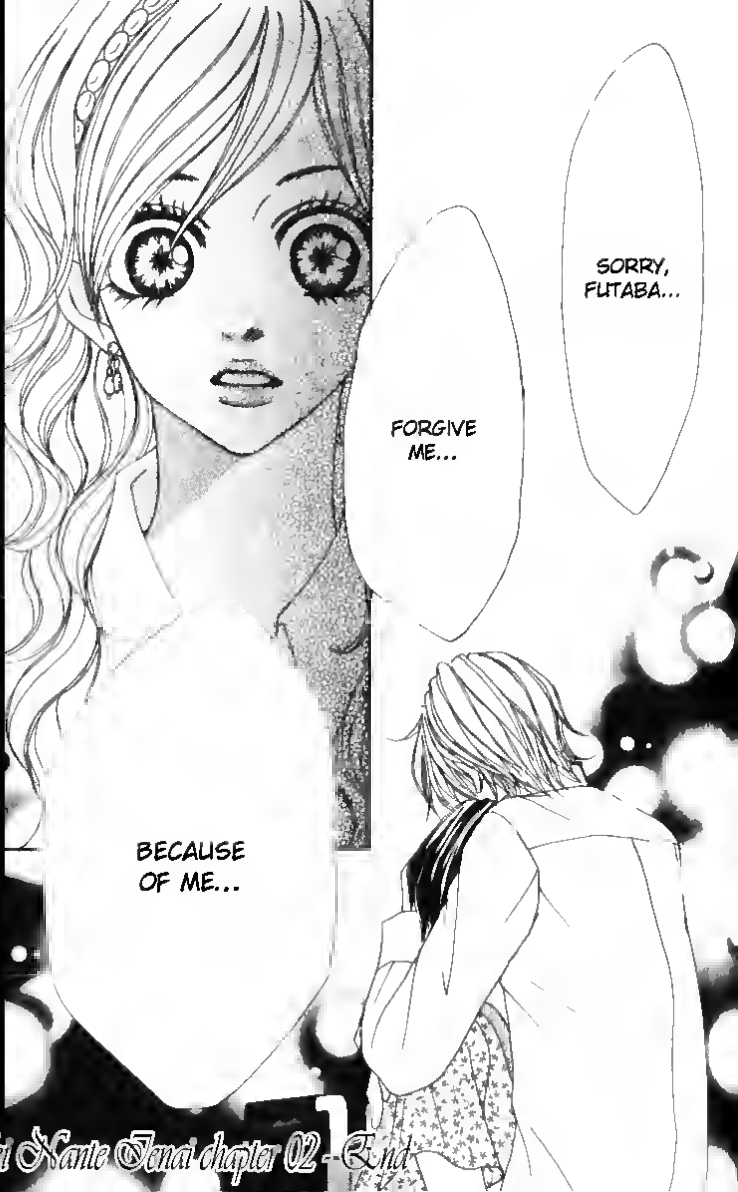
YE-YES!!
LET'S GO.
DID YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO EAT?
AH, ANYTHING'S FINE!!
THAT'S THE MOST TROUBLING.
YE-YEAH HM. THEN RAMEN!!
I love ramen
AH
THAT WAS A 0% FEMININE CHOICE!!
THAT'S GREAT!! RAMEN!!
I FEEL LIKE EATING IT TOO.

HE'S BEEN SMILING A LOT MORE RECENTLY.
SOMEHOW...
AH, IT'S FUTABA
SORRY, HELLO?
HM, NOW? ...YEAH, WE'RE TOGETHER, BUT...
...WAI-... HEY— ...!!

WHAT HAPPENED?
SHE SEEMS TO HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO SAY AND SAID TO COME RIGHT AWAY.
FLIP
...WELL, IT'S FINE. LET'S GO.
EH?! YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO SEE HER?!
IT'S JUST HER USUAL SELFISHNESS
It's always like this.
BUT, SOMETHING MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED...
WE CAN EAT RAMEN ANOTHER TIME. LET'S GO SEE HER!!
....
YEAH.

DOOR CLOS-ING
FUTABA— WE'RE HERE—
HELLO, FUTABA-CHAN.
SEI-CHAN
WHAT IS IT? THAT IMPORTANT THING...
HEY...WHAT HAPPENED?!
AMEMIYA-SENSEI WAS JUST HERE...

I'LL NEVER RECOVER....
I WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK ANYMORE...
WHAT SHOULD I DO, SEI-CHAN?
I ...
... SORRY.


SORRY, FUTABA...
FORGIVE ME...
BECAUSE OF ME...

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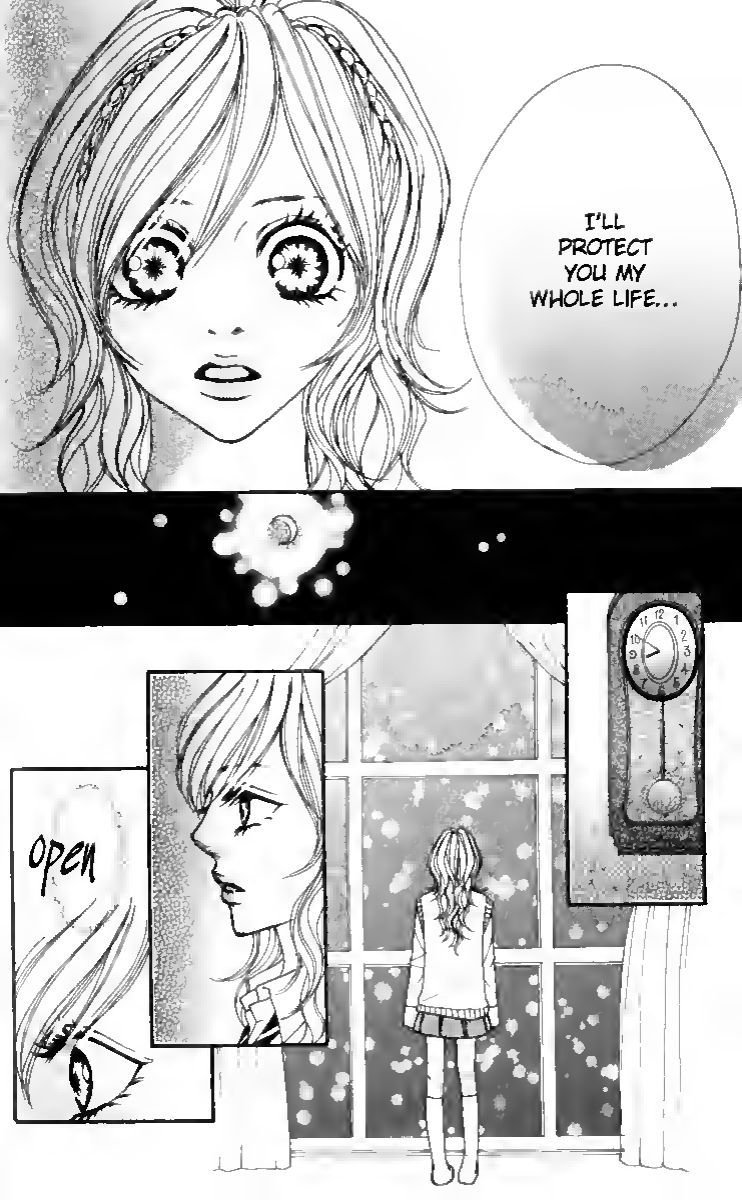
FORGIVE ME...
BECAUSE OF ME...

I'LL FOREVER BE BY YOUR SIDE...
PLEASE, SEI-CHAN...
DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE...
STAY BY MY SIDE FOREVER...
...YEAH, FOREVER.


I'LL PROTECT YOU MY WHOLE LIFE...
OPEN

HOW'S FUTABA-CHAN?!
FINE .. SHE'S CALMED DOWN AND IS RESTING.
I SEE...
AH...
SENPAI!!
UM.. SEN-PAI...
THIS IS PROBABLY SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T HAVE HEARD
BUT...
YEAH.

I WAS THE REASON WHY HER LEGS HAVE BECOME LIKE THAT.
I ALREADY MENTIONED IT BEFORE, RIGHT? THAT SHE ALWAYS FOLLOWED ME AROUND.
IN TRUTH, SHE HAD NOBODY BUT MYSELF.

IT WAS GREAT WHEN WE WERE KIDS...
BUT, SHE NEVER CHANGED NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSED.
EVEN WHEN I GOT INTO SHULUEI.
POP
SEI-CHAN!!
CONGRATU-LATIONS IN GETTING INTO SHULUEI INSTITUTE!!

I GUEEESS.
YOU'RE AMAZING!! GETTING INTO SHUUEI INSTITUTE!!
It was too easy
girlfriend
TH— THANKS...
People don't usually use poppers alone...
what...
GET INTO SHUUEI.
...WORK HARD FOR WHAT?
OK!! I HAVE TO SPIRITEDLY WORK HARD, TOO!!
IT MAY BE A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR ME, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST!!
I DECIDED A LONG TIME AGO!! I WILL GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS YOU!!

"WAIT FOR ME, SEI-CHAN!!"
BUT, I KNEW SHE'S NOT GOOD AT STUDYING.
AND WHEN I DIDN'T SEE HER FOR A WHILE, I FIGURED SHE GAVE UP AND I STOPPED THINKING ABOUT IT.
BUT, AROUND AUTUMN ON MY WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL, SHE SUDDENLY SHOWED UP AGAIN.
SEI-CHAN!!
AT THAT TIME I THOUGHT, "ARE YOU SERIOUS?"
I HONESTLY THOUGHT, "FOLLOWING ME ALL THE WAY TO HIGH SCHOOL."

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FUTABA..
SEI-CHAN, IT'S BEEN AWHILE!!
...WHY ARE YOU HERE?
CHECK THIS OUT!! IT'S THE RESULTS FROM THE LATEST MOCK EXAM!!
INCREDIBLE, RIGHT!! IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE GOTTEN SUCH GOOD SCORES.
HM
this guy
SO SHE'S YOUR GIRL-FRIEND--?
YOU'RE WRONG!!
Take your time.
We'll wait for you there

I'M GOING TO CRAM SCHOOL AND GETTING TUTORED NOW!!
MY TEACHER SAID THAT AT THIS RATE, I MAY BE able TO GET INTO SHUEI INSTITUTE...
THEN WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN...
GET A CLUE!!
GET A CLUE ALREADY AND JUST MOVE ON!
I'M TIRED OF TAKING CARE OF YOU!!

SEI-CHA ...
HONK HONK
SEI-CHAN!!
SCREEEEEEEEEECH

OUCH
FLITA
HA

BECAUSE SHE PROTECTED ME, I WAS ABLE TO GET BY WITH JUST TWO WEEKS OF HOSPITALIZATION.
BUT SHE...
FUTABA-!!
SO THEN, I DEVOTEDLY CARED FOR HER, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK FROM THE START 'TILL THE END OF VISITING HOURS.
I WANTED TO GIVE HER EVERYTHING SHE WANTED.

BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS HELD BACK IN SCHOOL...
BUT TO ME, A YEAR IS NOTHING.
BECAUSE I'VE CHANGED HER ENTIRE LIFE—
...THAT'S...

I COULDN'T FIND THE WORDS TO SAY TO HIM.

...

ALL I HAVE ARE WORDS OF CONSOLATION.

I CAN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND THEIR FEELINGS.

THERE'S NOTHING THAT I CAN DO.

chirp chirp

SWISH

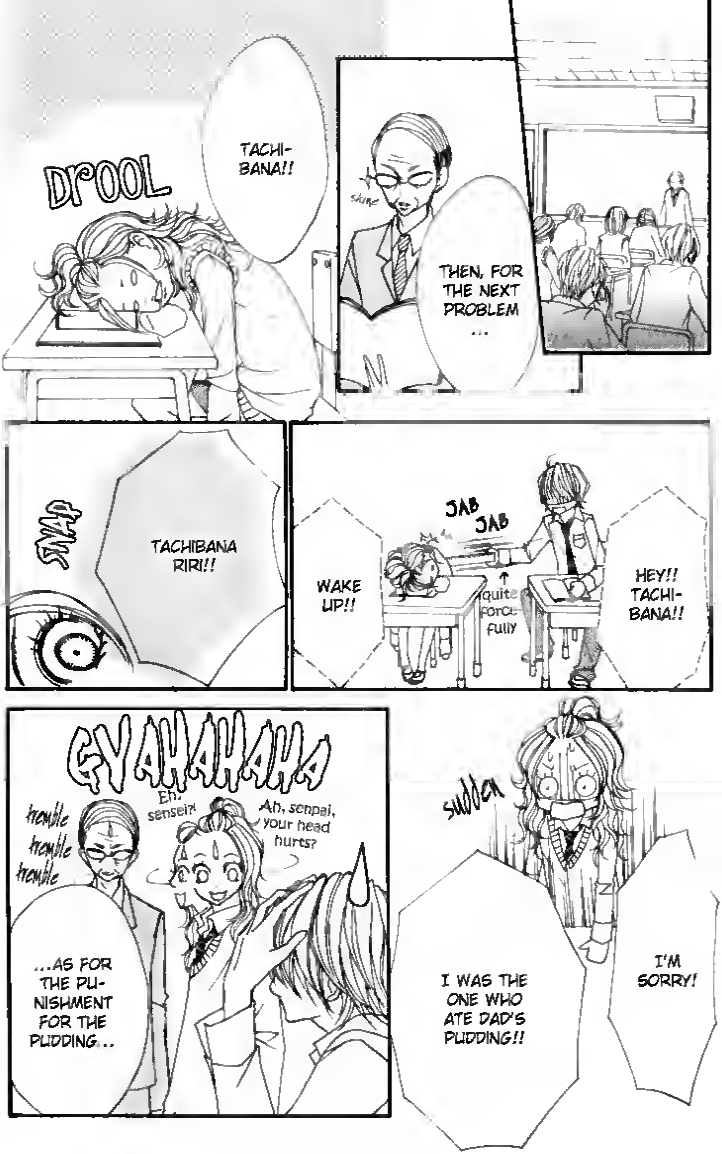
EXCEPT ONE THING...
NICE WEATHER..
THAT IS...
SENBA-SENPAAAAAAAAAI!!
GOOOOOOD MORNNN-NNNNNING!!
AH, SENPAI!
TACHI-BANA... YES-TER-DAY...

GREAT!! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO GIVE HER!!
YEAH ... SURE.
IS IT OK IF I GO WITH YOU TO VISIT FUTABA-CHAN TODAY?!
I REMEMBERED YOU SAID SHE WANTED TO GET INTO SHUUEI.
I GOT IN BY A MIRACLE SO I FIGURED SHE WOULD NEED TO STUDY HOW I STUDIED.
I THINK SHE'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO GET IN, TOO!!
MY CERTAIN VICTORY SHUUEI SET—!!
高校入試
英単語
数学
THAT'S BECAUSE "SEI-CHAN" IS THERE!!
IF IT'S SHUUEI, I'M SURE SHE'D WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL!

I DON'T NEED IT.
THERE'S NOT A SINGLE BENEFIT FROM GOING TO SCHOOL.
I SAID I DON'T NEED IT!!
DON'T SAY THAT. LOOK, IT'S EASY TO UNDER-STAND WITH THIS.
pat
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
TACHI-BANA ...
I STUDIED WITH THAT MOTIVATION
I WANT FUTABA-CHAN TO TRY ONCE MORE.

SENPAI AND I MET EACH OTHER BECAUSE WE'RE ATTENDING SCHOOL.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE MORE FRIENDS, TOO!!
YE... YEAH.
RIGHT, SENPAI!!
..FRIENDS?

YUP!! FRIENDS.
STARTING TODAY, SENPAI AND I ARE FRIENDS
SENPAI WHO HAS DECIDED TO LIVE FOR HER SAKE.
FUTABA-CHAN WHO WENT SO FAR AS TO SACRIFICE HERSELF TO PROTECT HIM
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT I CAN DO FOR THOSE TWO
AND THAT IS TO HOPE FOR THEIR HAPPINESS.
TO GIVE UP ON HIM


DrOOL
TACHI-BANA!!
shine
THEN, FOR THE NEXT PROBLEM ...
TACHIBANA RIRI!!
JAB JAB
(quite forcefully)
WAKE UP!!
HEY!! TACHI-BANA!!
GYAHAHAHA
trouble trouble trouble
Eh, sensei?
Ah, senpai, your head hurts?
...AS FOR THE PUNISHMENT FOR THE PUDDING...
sudden
I WAS THE ONE WHO ATE DAD'S PUDDING!!
I'M SORRY!

TURN IN TWENTY OF THIS WEEK'S HANDOUTS!!
RUSTLE
I CAN'T DO THIS...
sniffle sniffle
DEPRESSED!
WELL, THIS IS A HUGE TASK.
Ah, but the questions are simple
SENPAI!

LET'S GET STARTED ALREADY.
EH... BU... I CAN DO THIS BY MYSELF!!
DON'T BE SO POLITE. I'M YOUR FRIEND.
...THEN

SO THIS IS NORMAL
roll roll roll
THAT'S RIGHT, WE'RE FRIENDS.
THEN, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!!
HE'S PROBABLY TIRED...
I'll leave this here.
tap
...HE'S SLEEPING.
breathe breathe

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
touch
IS HE...
HALF ASLEEP...?
THUMP

IF ONLY TIME WOULD STOP NOW...
HIS HAND'S WARM.
"SEI-CHAN..."
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

Senba-senpai
Please give this to Futaba-chan for me. Something came up so I'm going home.
Sorry?
WHAT AM I DOING...
...
WHAT AM I DOING...

DIN-G
DON-G
WELCOME, SEI-CHAN!!
YOU'RE LATE TODAY.
I WAS HELPING TACHIBANA WITH HER HANDOUTS.
though I wasn't at all helpful
...I...
RIRI'S...
I SEE. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN ROUGH!! HAVING A FRIEND LIKE RIRI-
ah ha ha
IT'S ALRIGHT...
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
I MEAN, SHE'S GIVEN UP ON SEI-CHAN.
SEI-CHAN AND RIRI ARE FRIENDS.

THERE'S NOBODY WHO CAN COME BETWEEN ME AND SEI-CHAN...
AH, THAT'S RIGHT. THIS WAS FOR YOU FROM TACHIBANA.
WHAT IS THIS ...
To Futaba-chan
Shuuei Institute Entrance~ Complete Guide to Passing A Manual
by R.R.
GEEZ, SHE'S SO PERSIS-TENT. EVEN THOUGH I SAID I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO SHUUEI...
YEAH. YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT TO, BUT WHY DID SHE GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF MAKING THIS?
BESIDES, SHE WAS SLEEPING IN CLASS. DID SHE STAY UP ALL NIGHT--?
Idiot.

THIS MAKES THREE DAYS
And I'm so sleepy right now
I COULDN'T SLEEP YESTERDAY, EITHER...
shuggg
shuggg
WHAT DID I DO YESTERDAY...
clock
I HAVE TO REALLY STOP STARTING TODAY.
WE HAVE TO REALLY BECOME NORMAL FRIENDS...
Seuba
'MORNING, TACHIBANA.
THUMP

...MO...
GOOD MOR-NNNNNNNNNIG, SENPA-...
'MORNING.
EH... TACHI-BANA!!
THAT'S, RIGHT, I'M IN A HURRY!! EXCUSE ME!!
WHAT AM I DOING?!
EVEN THOUGH I SAID WE WERE GOING TO BE NORMAL FRIENDS ...

IF I CAN'T APPEAR LIKE A FRIEND, IT'S NO GOOD.
THAT'S A LOT OF STUFF.
I'LL HELP.
AH ...
IT'S OK!! I CAN CARRY IT MYSELF...!!
step

1-2
AH, I SEE— I GET IT—
Then this is how you do this...
yeah yeah
thanks
helping me figure it out
I've troubled you
DI-NG DO-NG
DI-NG DO-NG
GOOD-BYE
GOOD-BYE
STAND
BOW
...TA-CHI-BANA.

clink
...DO-ING.
HOW DO I APPEAR LIKE A FRIEND
WHEN I CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT HIS FACE...

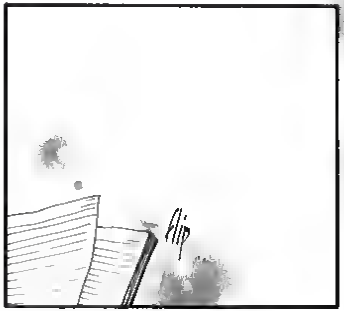
haah
...TACHI-BANA...
I CAN'T BE FRIENDS WITH HIM LIKE THIS...
step
RATTLE
BLUSH
THUMP

WHY ...
ARE YOU AVOIDING ME...
...IF YOU'RE... DISGUSTED WITH ME
IF YOU'RE TIRED OF BEING BOTHERED BY ME, YOU SHOULD SAY IT OUTRIGHT...

IF YOU DON'T ...
HAVING YOU IGNORE ME IS PAINFUL FOR ME...
WHAT... ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...
I WOU-LDN'T POSSI-BLY BE
BOTHE-RED... BY YOU.
WHEN YOU CALLED ME A "FRIEND," MY HEART FELT LIKE IT WAS BEING SMASHED.
TOUCHING YOUR HAND, I WAS HAPPY TO THE POINT OF TREMBLING.

IS PAINFUL
JUST SEEING YOUR FACE
PAINFUL
PAINFUL
"MORNING"
...I DON'T WANT TO
LIKE YOU ANY MORE THAN THIS...

TACHI-
BANA...
CLENCH
...SORRY.
dash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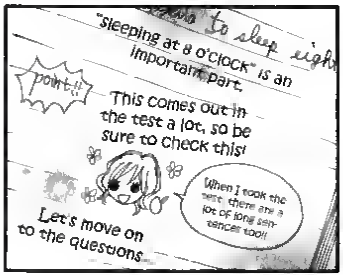
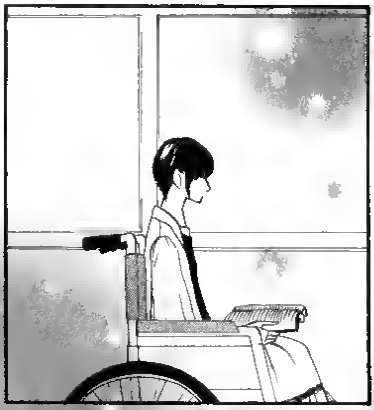

to sleep right
"sleeping at 8 o'clock" is an important part.
point!!
This comes out in the test a lot, so be sure to check this!
When I took the test, there are a lot of long sentences too!!
Let's move on to the questions.



I DIDN'T KNOW.
GIVING UP ON THE PERSON YOU LIKE
IS THIS PAINFUL?

Suki Kanie Jena chapter 03 - End

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Final
Chapter

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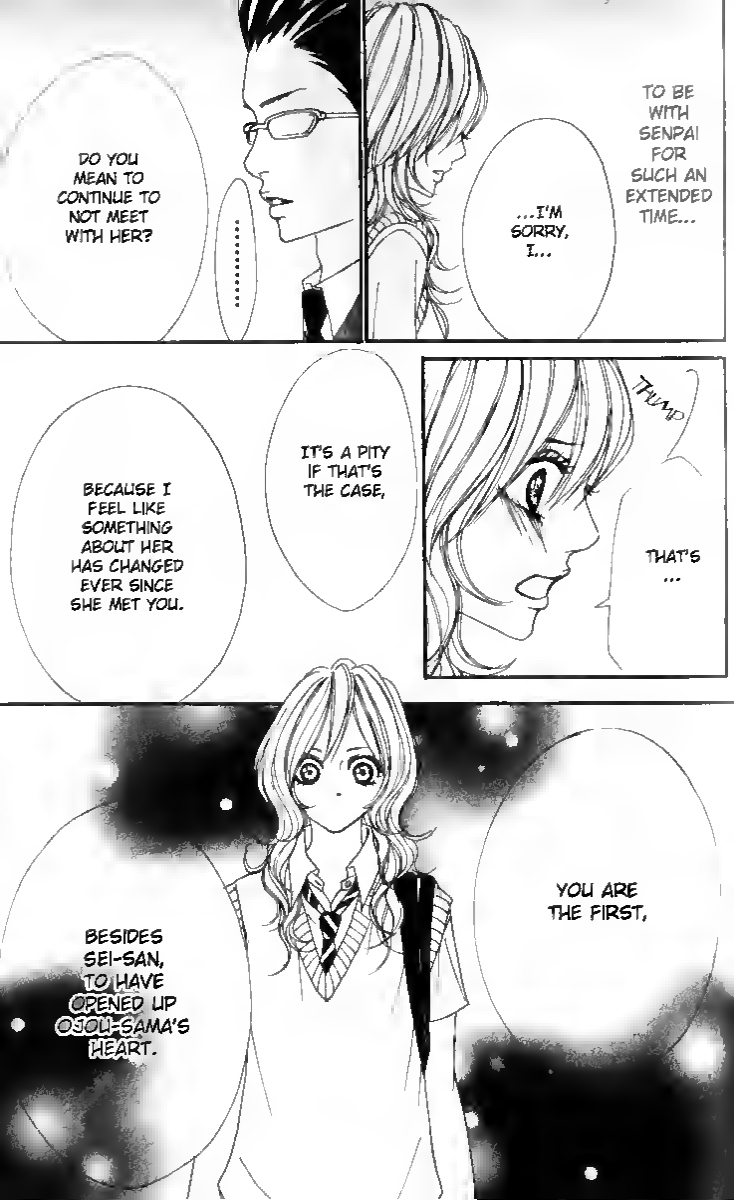
1 - 2
'MORNING, TACHIBANA.
thud

'MORNING.
THE NEXT DAY, SENPAI EXCHANGED HIS SEAT AND HE WAS MOVED AWAY.
I DON'T WANT TO LIKE YOU ANY MORE THAN THIS —!

IN THE TWO WEEKS SINCE THEN, I HAVEN'T LOOKED SENPAI IN THE EYE NOR GONE TO VISIT FUTABA-CHAN.
THIS IS FOR THE BEST...
I'M SURE THIS IS FINE.
IT WAS SIMPLY ME WHO STUCK HERSELF BETWEEN THEM WITHOUT ASKING FROM THE START.
...RIRI DIDN'T COME TODAY EITHER.
... YEAH.

I ... SEE ....
WE HAVEN'T BEEN TALKING LATELY.
SHE MUST TALK TO YOU A LOT?
AH, BUT SHE MUST BE DOING WELL AT SCHOOL, RIGHT?
WAS IT BECAUSE OF ME...?
The rainy season is over!!
SEI-SAN AND... LET'S ASK RIRI-SAN!!
And myself, of course, since I'm driving
I KNOW!! NEXT HOLIDAY, WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE VILLA? IT'S BEEN AWHILE.
THEN, IT'S DECIDED!! IT'S FINE WITH YOU AS WELL, SEI-SAN?!
IT DOESN'T MATTER... IF WE GO OR NOT...
RIRI, TOO ....

.....
YEAH.
IT'S HOT
.....
HANAI-SAN.
RIRI-SAN.
.....
STAYING THE NIGHT AT A VILLA?
YES. THE OCEAN IS CLOSE AND THE PLACE IS REALLY NICE.

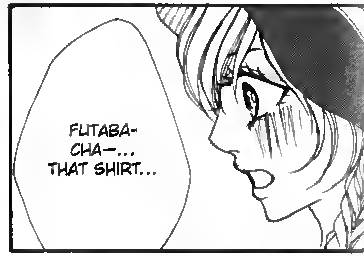

TO BE WITH SENPAI FOR SUCH AN EXTENDED TIME...
...I'M SORRY, I...
.....
DO YOU MEAN TO CONTINUE TO NOT MEET WITH HER?
THUMP
THAT'S ...
IT'S A PITY IF THAT'S THE CASE,
BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING ABOUT HER HAS CHANGED EVER SINCE SHE MET YOU.
YOU ARE THE FIRST,
BESIDES SEI-SAN, TO HAVE OPENED UP OJOU-SAMA'S HEART.

"PLEASE COME IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND
WE DEPART ON THE NEXT SATURDAY AT 8 IN THE MORNING."
「LET'S GO SHOPPING TOGETHER!!」
PALE
PALE
PALE
PALE
HANAI-SAN, I'VE PUT ALL THE LUGGAGE IN THE CAR.

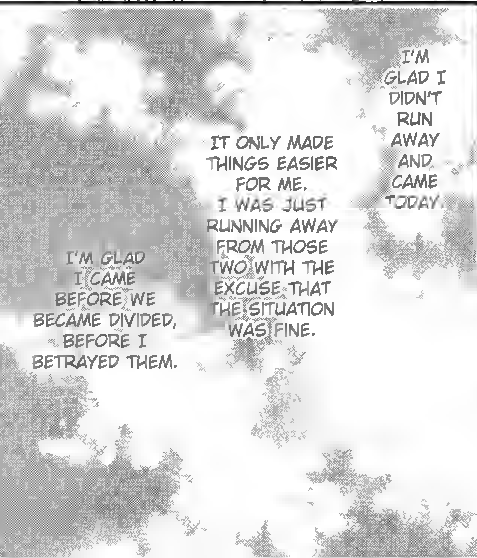
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THEN, SHALL WE GO...
HANAI-SAN!!
I'M SORRY I'M LATE!!
TACHI-BANA...
RIRI!!

THUMP
... SENPAI ...
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU CAME.
SENPAI ...
UMM TODAY,
SUDDENLY SHOWING UP...
THE OCEAN WILL BE VERY PRETTY WHEN WE GO TODAY.
HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
let's go already!!
AH.. SORRY ...
YOU'RE SO SLOW.

HA
NOT AT ALL!! IT'S GREAT!!


FUTABA-CHA—... THAT SHIRT...

I... IS IT BAD?!
BUNT
I JUST WORE A SHIRT THAT, EVEN IF GOTTEN DIRTY, I WOULDN'T BE TOO BOTHERED ABOUT!


I'M GLAD I DIDN'T RUN AWAY AND CAME TODAY.
IT ONLY MADE THINGS EASIER FOR ME. I WAS JUST RUNNING AWAY FROM THOSE TWO WITH THE EXCUSE THAT THE SITUATION WAS FINE.
I'M GLAD I CAME BEFORE WE BECAME DIVIDED, BEFORE I BETRAYED THEM.

Yup.
SO, SHALL WE GET GOING?!

Pre——tty!!
Huh? Didn't I tell you?
THIS IS THE KUSANO FAMILY'S PRIVATE BEACH.
BUT, IT'S GREAT THERE ARE ONLY FEW PEOPLE!!
and the weather is great on a holiday
P-...PRIVATE BEACH?!
The villa is unbelievable They must be very rich
JUST WHAT KIND OF MONEY DOES FUTABA-CHAN'S FAMILY HAVE..
OJOU-SAMA LOVES THIS PLACE AND USED TO COME HERE OFTEN AS A KID.
SHE LOVED TO COLLECT PRETTY SEA-SHELLS. WHAT A ROMANTIC GIRL...
distant eyes
WAIT A SEC, HANAI!! DON'T TALK ABOUT UNNECESSARY THINGS!!

take your time.
are you alright?
yeah
GRRL
...
AH.
PAIN
PAIN
SLIP
AH... IS IT ALRIGHT IF I GET IN THE OCEAN RIGHT AWAY!?
AH... YES, GO AHEAD.
THUMP

...
FUTABA.
...WHY DON'T YOU GO SWIMMING, TOO? YOU'LL BE BORED HERE.
I'M HERE BECAUSE I WANT TO BE.

SEI-CHAN...
AS EXPECTED, SEEING THAT KIND OF SCENE BEFORE MY EYES IS PAINFUL...
I'll just get dried
AAAH.. I FOR-GOT TO BRING A BUOY...
BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK NOW..
HOW DEPRESSING, RIRI!!
WHAT ARE YOU FEELING BLUE FOR BENEATH SUCH A BLUE SKY?!
you'll get punished
OK, I'M GONNA SWIM!!
someone who can't hold her breath for long

shaved ice is best in the summer
Mhm— Delicious—
I'VE BROUGHT SHAVED ICE
Sei-chan, give me a bite.
You can have some of mine, too...
PL-OP
...TACHI-BANA...

BUKAH
DASH
I CAN'T MOVE MY LEG!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO!!

IF THAT'S SO, I WISH I HAD SAID IT...
AM I... GOING TO DIE LIKE THIS...
SO PAINFUL...
"I LOVE YOU" ....
TO SENPAI...

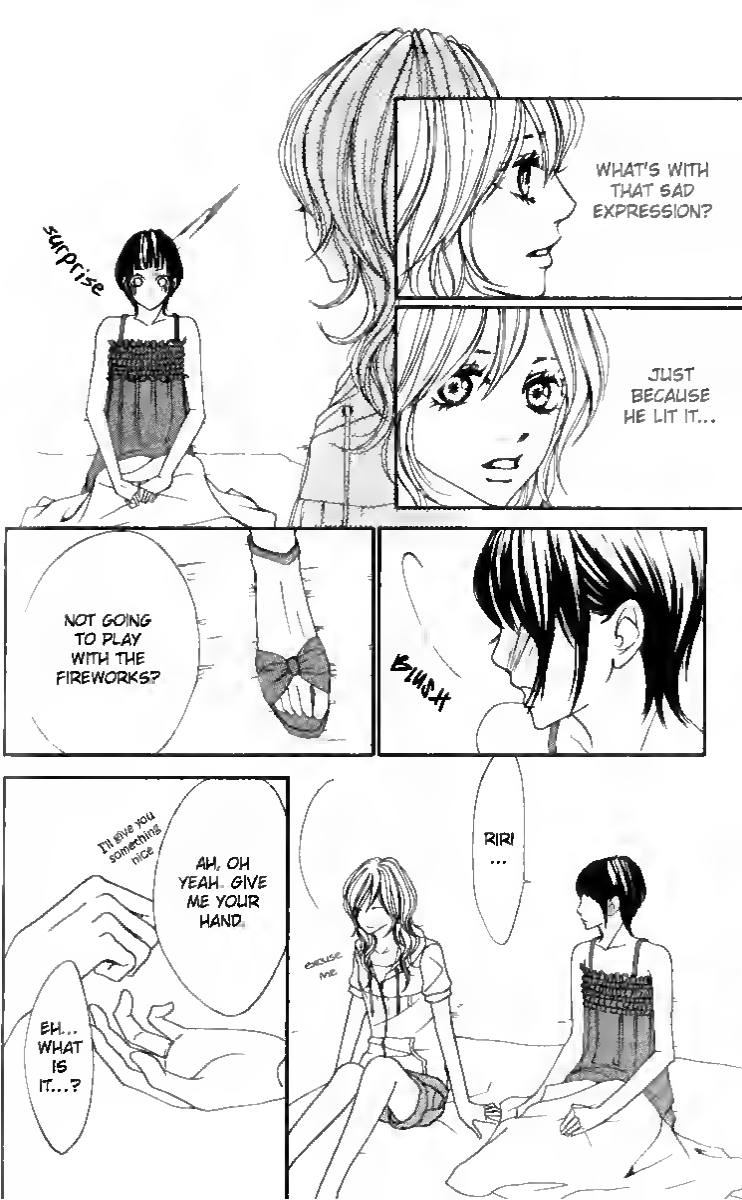
BW
AH
HEY... TACHI-BANA?!
TACHI-BANA!?
SPLASH
TACHI-BANA...
Someone ...save me.
...NO!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
HEY, TACHIBANA... GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!!

SENPAI...?
TACHI-BANA...
TREMBLE TREMBLE
I WAS GOING TO DIE..
I THOUGHT
...I WAS SCARED
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW...
...IT'S ALRIGHT

SEN-PA-...
Grip
RIRI-SAN!
SSSH
SSH

bang
bang
pop
pop
pop
sizz
WANT TO PLAY WITH SOME FIREWORKS?
Was that the end?
That's it?
WANT TO BORROW A LIGHT?
click
click
IT'S NOT CATCHING?
click
click

ji
Pacji
pacji


surprise
WHAT'S WITH THAT SAD EXPRESSION?
JUST BECAUSE HE LIT IT...
NOT GOING TO PLAY WITH THE FIREWORKS?
BLUSH
I'll give you something nice
AH, OH YEAH. GIVE ME YOUR HAND.
EH... WHAT IS IT...?
RIRI ...
excuse me

A PINK SHELL. PRETTY, RIGHT?
「SHE LOVED TO COLLECT PRETTY SEASHELLS —」
I PROBABLY SCRAPED IT WHEN I WAS DROWNING.
IT WAS FROM SUCH A LONG TIME AGO..
EVEN THOUGH ...
EH...AH!! WHAT'S THIS?! WHEN WAS THIS?!
RIRI.. YOUR ELBOW.
It's injured
THANKS TO YOUR DROWNING INCIDENT, YOU WERE SAVED BY SEI-CHAN.
...BUT, GETTING INJURED IS NOT COMPLETELY USELESS.
hah

FUTABA-CHAN...
... YEAH.
MAYBE ...
BECAUSE... I WAS REALLY HAPPY...
THAT... HE CAME TO SAVE ME THEN...
AND HELD ME...
FUTABA-CHAN... I'M SORRY...
AS I THOUGHT, I LIKE HIM.
I CAN'T HIDE IT ANYMORE...

I DON'T WANT TO HIDE IT...
I DON'T WANT TO LIE ABOUT MY FEELINGS FOR JUST TODAY...
BUT, I'LL GIVE IT UP..
SO, PLEASE ...
RIRI...
I'M SORRY, FUTABA-CHAN...
I'M SORRY ...
LET ME LOVE HIM FOR JUST TODAY.

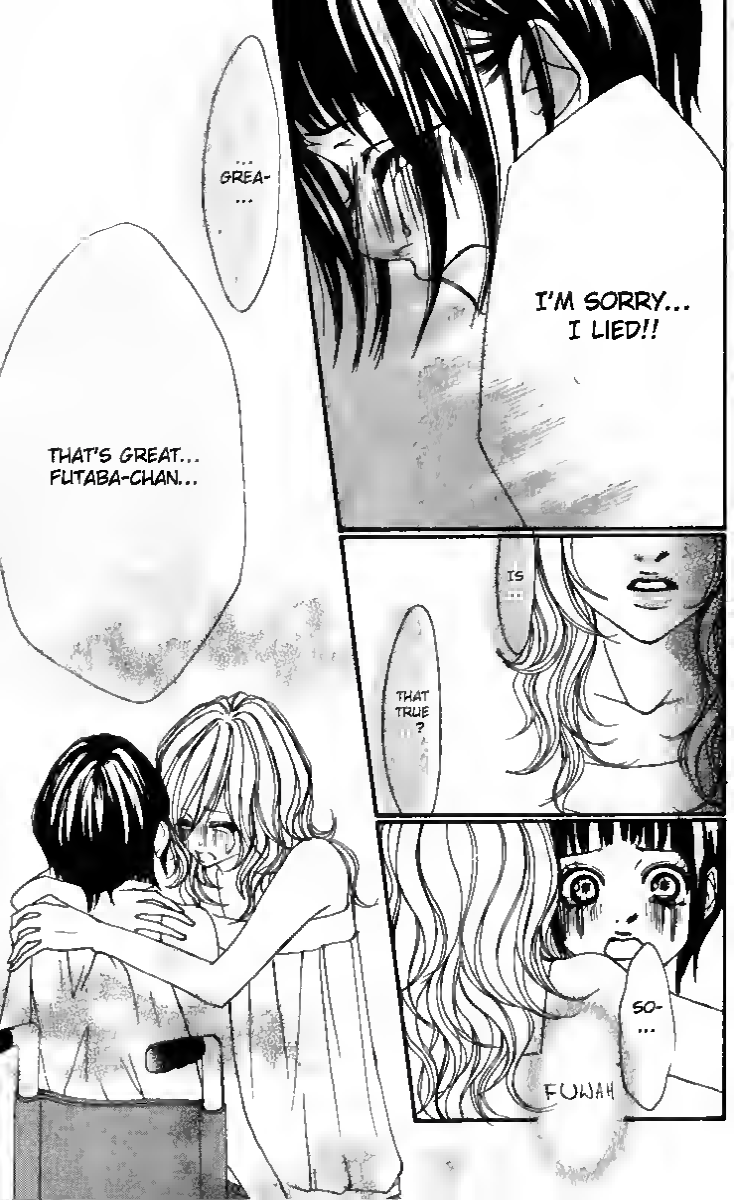
IT'S SO PAINFUL AND CRUSHING NOW.
I WONDER IF A TIME WILL COME WHEN I CAN REMEMBER THIS MOMENT WITH NOSTALGIA.
I THOUGHT I DIDN'T NEED THIS FEELING
THE FIGURE OF THIS PERSON WHOM I LOVE SO MUCH, YET I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I'LL IMPRINT IT IN MY CHEST RIGHT NOW.

...AND MYSELF WHO CAN LOVE SOMEONE THIS MUCH...
GOOD WORK EVERYONE
we've arrived safely
Aren't you the one who's most tired?
WHAT...AM I THINKING...
THAT'S... ALRIGHT!!
AFTER-WARDS, I'LL DRIVE YOU HOME.
PLEASE HAVE A COLD DRINK.

AND SEI-CHAN LIKES RIRI.
EVEN IF RIRI LIKES SEI-CHAN,
SEI-CHAN WILL BE BY MY SIDE FOREVER
IT'LL END IF RIRI GOES HOME.
IT'S FINE... SOON...
N-... NOPE. I'M FINE!!
Just a little tired!!
THAT'S GOOD. THEN... AH, OH YEAH. I'LL GIVE YOU SOME-THING NICE.
give me your hand
WHAT'S WRONG? NOT FEELING WELL?
FUTABA?
THAT KIND OF THING, I
IT'S A PRETTY PINK SHELL, RIGHT?
I found it at the beach yesterday.

HUH?! WHY DO YOU HAVE THE SAME THING?!
did you find it?
WHY ARE YOU TWO ALWAYS LIKE THAT?
SO KIND TO SOMEONE AS TERRIBLE AS ME...?
FUTABA...?
FUTABA-CHAN, I SHOULD BE...
AT THIS RATE, I CAN'T LIE ANYMORE...
SEI-CHAN... RIRI... I'M SORRY...

I...
LIED...ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO WALK ANYMORE
SURGERY... IT'S DIFFICULT, BUT IF I HAVE THE SURGERY AND WORK HARD IN REHABILITATION, I CAN WALK AGAIN ..
BUT, IF MY LEGS ARE FIXED, SEI-CHAN WILL LEAVE ME AGAIN...
I WAS SO SCARED OF THAT, I COULDN'T BE HONEST...


I'M SORRY... I LIED!!
... GREA- ...
THAT'S GREAT... FUTABA-CHAN...
IS ...
THAT TRUE ?
SO- ...
FUWAH

RIRI...
...YOU IDIOT
WHO WOULD LIE ABOUT SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT?!
wipe
I'M GOING TO BE BY YOUR SIDE FROM NOW ON...
WE PROMISED, RIGHT?
...WHY?

RIRI .. I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING NICE AS THANKS FOR THE SEASHELL
CAN'T DO IT BY MYSELF ANY-MORE...
I GIVE YOU SEI-CHAN.
WHY ARE THEY SAYING THIS ..
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE IN PAIN BECAUSE OF MY SELFISH LIE...
EVEN SO, WHY ARE YOU CRYING FOR ME...
YOU TWO ARE THE SAME. 'GENUINE FOOLS.

I GIVE HIM TO YOU BECAUSE IT'S YOU.
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU IF YOU DON'T MAKE HIM HAPPY.
FUTABA-CHAN...
FUTABA...
WELL...THEN, SO THAT'S THAT GO HOME YOU TWO GO HOME!!
I'M TIRED SO I'M GOING TO REST.
EH.. WAI-...
Hana!.. quickly now

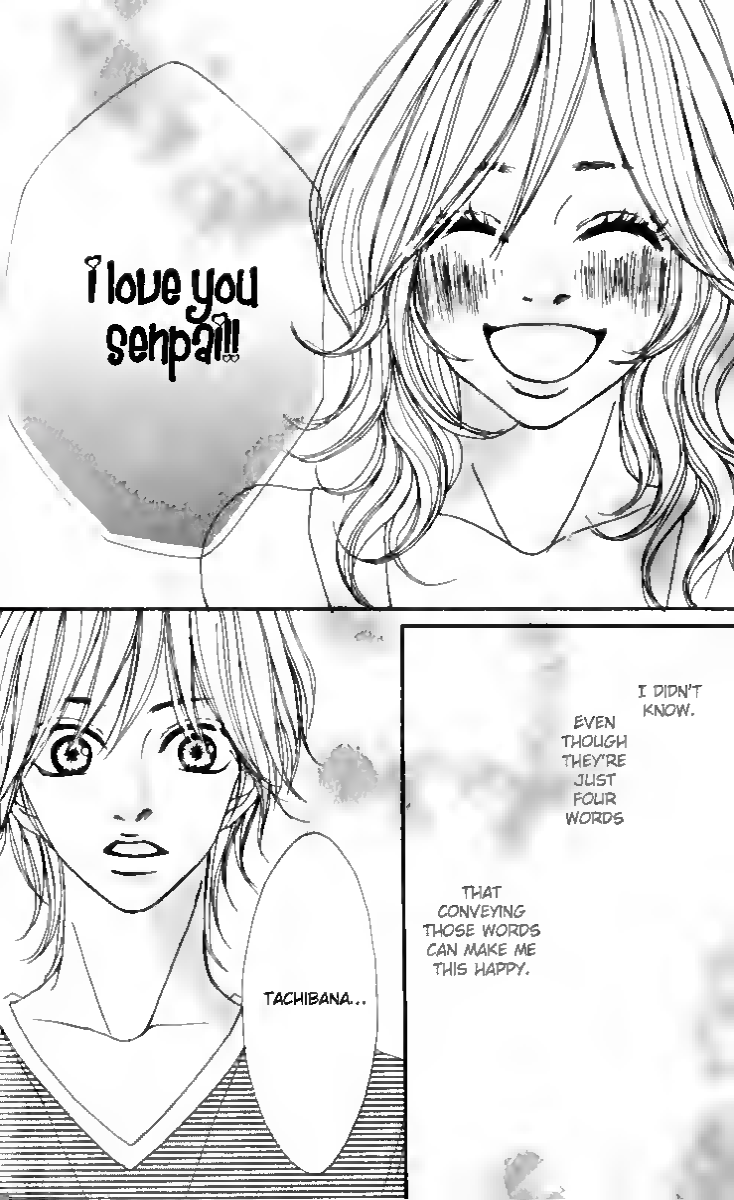
BANG
Silence
O-... OJOU-SAMA?
HANAI,
I'M GOING TO SCHOOL AGAIN ONCE THE SURGERY IS DONE...
I WANT TO MAKE FRIENDS...
FRIENDS LIKE RIRI...
THINK I CAN DO IT?
OJOU-SAMA ...

OF COURSE YOU CAN!!
SHE SUDDENLY SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND NOW I CAN'T TALK NORMALLY--!!
Swea- Swea
ting ting
Silent
AH, REALLY?! THEN, I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW AT SCHOOL!!
U-Uhh, I'm going to stop by the store for a bit!!
A person who can't stand silence

IS IT OK?
IS IT REALLY OK?

THOSE WORDS...
I'VE ALWAYS, ALWAYS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO SAY...
I'VE ALWAYS, ALWAYS WANTED TO SAY IT.
TACHI-BANA..
.....

LO
VE
TACHI-
BANA
LOVE
....
..
LOVE
...
I...


I love you senpai!!
I DIDN'T KNOW.
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE JUST FOUR WORDS
THAT CONVEYING THOSE WORDS CAN MAKE ME THIS HAPPY.
TACHIBANA...

THAT HAVING THOSE WORDS CONVEYED TO ME CAN MAKE ME THIS HAPPY.

<End>

Thank you very much for reading the 4th volume of my first serialization, "Suki Nante Ienai."

I am the most surprised that the day that I could have a serialization would come.

It has been a short four months, but it has been a wonderful experience.

I think that people can do something if they try.

From now on, I will be working hard to accumulate more different experiences and study to draw great manga, so please take care of me.

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